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PROCEEDINGS OF THE

Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

at the

Fifteenth

Annual Convocation

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Held in the

City of CALGARY, Alberta

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Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Fifteenth Annual Convocation Proceedings

Minutes of the Proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta, held in the City of Calgary, Province of Alberta, on the 20th and 21st days of March, A.D. 1929, A.L. 2459.

OFFICERS PRESENT

M. E. Comp. Frederick S. Selwood	Grand First Prin.	} Grand Council
R. E. Comp. James P. Flan	Grand Second Prin.	
R. E. Comp. John W. G. Morrison	Grand Third Prin.	
R. E. Comp. Roy M. Lambertson	Grand Supt. District No. 1	
R. E. Comp. Cuthbert Fowler	Grand Supt. District No. 2	
R. E. Comp. David J. Garnes	Grand Supt. District No. 3	
R. E. Comp. Orlando G. Craig	Grand Supt. District No. 4	
R. E. Comp. Thomas J. Cumberland	Grand Supt. District No. 5	
R. E. Comp. Clifford P. Wentzel	Grand Scribe E. (Secretary)	
R. E. Comp. John F. Casteel	Grand Scribe N. (Acting)	
R. E. Comp. Francis V. Truesdale	Grand Principal Sojourner	
R. E. Comp. William C. Black	Grand Treasurer	
R. E. Comp. George H. Travis	Grand Registrar	
V. E. Comp. Raymond H. Norton	Grand Senior Sojourner	
V. E. Comp. William B. Way	Grand Jun. Sojourner (Acting)	
R. E. Comp. Cyril A. MacPherson	Grand Lecturer	
V. E. Comp. Alfred Brusso	Grand Master 1st Veil	
V. E. Comp. Charles H. Minchin	Grand Director of Ceremonies	
V. E. Comp. William J. Noble	Grand Pursuivant	
V. E. Comp. George L. Gothard	Grand Steward	
E. Comp. William S. Cameron	Grand Steward (Acting)	
Comp. Septimus H. Davies	Grand Janitor	

PAST GRAND FIRST PRINCIPALS

M. E. Comp. Melvin M. Downey	1919
M. E. Comp. Norman T. Macleod	1920
M. E. Comp. William T. Coote	1923
M. E. Comp. Edwin G. Ironside	1926
M. E. Comp. William M. McNab	1927

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

B. E. Comp. Frederick B. Cooper.....	Arizona
R. E. Comp. Oliver J. Cowin.....	Arkansas
R. E. Comp. Mark B. Peacock.....	California
R. E. Comp. Thomas Rankine.....	Connecticut
R. E. Comp. John W. G. Morrison.....	District of Columbia
R. E. Comp. George E. Cruickshank.....	Florida
R. E. Comp. David J. Garnes.....	Idaho
R. E. Comp. Robert C. Rankin.....	Illinois
R. E. Comp. Francis V. Truesdale.....	Kansas
M. E. Comp. Frederick S. Selwood.....	Maine
R. E. Comp. Walter E. Mercer.....	Maryland
M. E. Comp. Edwin G. Ironside.....	Massachusetts
R. E. Comp. James R. Flan.....	Michigan
R. E. Comp. Arthur G. Finch.....	Minnesota
R. E. Comp. Cyril A. MacPherson.....	Missouri
M. E. Comp. William T. Coote.....	New Jersey
R. E. Comp. Clifford R. Wentzel.....	New South Wales
R. E. Comp. John F. Casteel.....	North Carolina
R. E. Comp. T. Frederick English.....	North Dakota
M. E. Comp. William M. McNab.....	Ohio
R. E. Comp. James A. McGhee.....	Oregon
R. E. Comp. John H. W. S. Kemmis.....	Pennsylvania
R. E. Comp. Harold W. B. Bell.....	South Dakota
M. E. Comp. Norman T. Macleod.....	Tennessee
R. E. Comp. William C. Black.....	Utah
M. E. Comp. Mervin M. Downey.....	Vermont

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the Fifteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was opened in AMPLE FORM at 10 o'clock a.m., March 20th.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

R. E. Companion William C. Black, Chairman of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives, reported that there were twenty-eight warranted Chapters on the Roll of Grand Chapter and that twenty-seven were represented by delegates as follows:

Alberta Chapter, No. 1, Calgary

M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, R. E. Companions T. Fred English, Mark B. Peacock and Frederick B. Cooper, V. E. Companions Frank Milne and Charles H. Minchin, and E. Companions Victor W. Wright, Frederick J. Hand, Albert E. Portman and Samuel L. McCracken, Z.

North Star Chapter, No. 2, Edmonton

E. Companion Archibald B. McCurdy (proxy).

Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, Medicine Hat

R. E. Companion Arthur G. Finch (proxy).

Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, Lethbridge

M. E. Companion Norman T. Macleod and E. Companion Christen Junget, Z.

Golden West Chapter, No. 5, High River

R. E. Companion John F. Casteel, V. E. Companions William B. Way and William J. Noble, and E. Companions William Dobson, Z., and Hugh C. Eyres, H.

Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6, Wetaskiwin

V. E. Companions Albert E. Wynne (proxy) and George L. Gothard.

Bekah Chapter, No. 7, Macleod

E. Companion William V. Price, Z.

Kether Chapter, No. 8, Pincher Creek

R. E. Companions John H. W. S. Kemmis and Thomas J. Cumberland, and E. Companion Charles H. Boag, Z.

Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, Calgary

R. E. Companions James R. Flan, Thomas Rankine, Alexander Carr and Francis V. Truesdale, V. E. Companions Charles Comba and Joseph V. Follett, and E. Companions Peter A. Moncrieff, James Cottom, H., and Wilfred Pearson, J.

Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, Gleichen

R. E. Companion Albert R. Yates and V. E. Companion Peter Maclean.

Calgary Chapter, No. 11, Calgary

M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, R. E. Companions Clifford R. Wentzel, William C. Black and David J. Garnes, V. E. Companion Frederick R. Jelfs, and E. Companions Daniel R. Montgomery and Thomas B. Donald, Z.

Keystone Chapter, No. 12, Red Deer

M. E. Companion William T. Coote (proxy).

Capital City Chapter, No. 13, Edmonton

M. E. Companion William M. McNab, R. E. Companion Roy M. Lambertson and E. Companion Frederick J. Summerill (proxy).

Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, Vermilion

R. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, and E. Companions Leonard G. Dunaway, Z., and William W. Bell, J.

Hillvue Chapter, No. 15, Hillcrest

R. E. Companion George E. Cruickshank (proxy).

Tau Cross Chapter, No. 16, Claresholm

E. Companion Edward T. Gray, Z.

Mount Olivet Chapter, No. 17, Killam

Not represented.

Norwood Chapter, No. 18, Edmonton

E. Companion Alfred Russell, Z.

Hiram Chapter, No. 19, Youngstown

R. E. Companion Oliver J. Cowin, and E. Companion Peter A. Davie, Z.

Banff Chapter, No. 20, Banff

E. Companion John Ford, Z.

Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, Strathmore

R. E. Companions Walter E. Mercer, Orlando G. Craig and Harold W. B. Bell, V. E. Companion John Taylor, and E. Companions Leon F. Pinkerton and Harry Groves, Z.

Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, Didsbury

V. E. Companion] Alfred Brusso and E. Companion William Leadbetter, Z.

Coronation Chapter, No. 23, Coronation

R. E. Companion Cuthbert Fowler (proxy).

Crescent Chapter, No. 24, Calgary

M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, R. E. Companions Robert C. Rankin, Cyril A. MacPherson, and E. Companions Frank W. Keyte, William H. Day, George A. Rounce, Samuel E. Greene, Z., William H. Green, H., and James M. Donaldson, J.

Strathcona Chapter, No. 25, Edmonton

R. E. Companion H. Sandilands, and E. Companions Arthur Robinson, George Plasteras, Z., and James Duncan, H.

Harmony Chapter, No. 26, Bassano

V. E. Companion George H. Travis and E. Companions Henry W. Ford and Harry H. Bieber, Z.

Ehneyeh Chapter, No. 27, Drumheller

E. Companions William S. Cameron and William E. G. Anderson, Z.

Hanna Chapter, No. 28, Hanna

E. Companion John G. Odell.

On motion of M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, it was

RESOLVED, That the preliminary report of the Committee on Credentials of Representatives be received, and that the Committee be allowed to complete its report.

The Most Excellent the Grand First Principal granted permission for the admission, as visitors, of Royal Arch Masons in good standing.

**CONFIRMATION OF
MINUTES OF LAST ANNUAL CONVOCATION**

On motion of M. E. Companion M. M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, it was

RESOLVED, That, as the Proceedings of the Fourteenth Annual Convocation, held in the City of Edmonton, on the 21st and 22nd days of March, 1928, had been printed and copies placed in the hands of those entitled to receive them, the recorded minutes be considered as read and the same be now confirmed.

CIVIC WELCOME

Grand Chapter delegates were cordially welcomed to the City by His Worship the Mayor of the City of Calgary, Companion Frederick E. Osborne, who, in his usual happy and pleasing manner, expressed the hope that their stay in the city would be pleasant, and their deliberations would be conducive to the best interests of the Royal Craft.

RECEPTION OF DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

M. E. Companions Melvin M. Downey and Norman T. Macleod were asked by M. E. Companion Selwood to retire and introduce M. E. Companion Donald A. Adams, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia, who, upon being introduced, was received with the customary Grand Honors.

On the second day of the Annual Convocation, M. E. Companion Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan was introduced by M. E. Companions Downey and Ironside, and received with Grand Honors.

M. E. Companion Selwood cordially welcomed these distinguished visitors to the sessions of Grand Chapter. They responded in a few well chosen words, expressing their pleasure at the hearty manner in which they had been received.

PRESENTATION OF COMMISSION TO GRAND REPRESENTATIVE

M. E. Companion Selwood, on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia, presented R. E. Companion George E. Cruickshank with his commission empowering him to represent that Grand Body.

R. E. Companion Cruickshank expressed his appreciation of same.

RECEPTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF SISTER GRAND JURISDICTIONS

The Grand Scribe E. was requested by the M. E. the Grand First Principal to call the roll of Representatives of Sister Grand Chapters, and after they had been assembled before the Altar by the Grand Director of Ceremonies, M. E. Companion Selwood addressed them as follows:

"Right Excellent Companions: As Representatives of our Sister Jurisdictions, I give you a warm welcome to our Annual Convocation. Will you kindly convey greetings from this Grand Chapter to the various Jurisdictions you represent, expressing our gratification at the peace and harmony existing between the different Grand Chapters of the world."

After each of these Companions had conveyed the Greetings of his Grand Chapter, R. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, representing the District of Columbia, replied for the rest of the Representative companions.

R. E. Companion Morrison: It is indeed a great pleasure to me, on behalf of my Companions assembled here, to acknowledge the very cordial reception tendered us as the ambassadors of Sister Jurisdictions to your Annual Convocation. We wish to extend on behalf of our Grand Chapters very kindly greetings, and trust that these cordial relations will not only long exist, but that we may be drawn still closer together in the great work we all have at heart of advancing the interests and welfare of Capitular Masonry.

We trust that our participation in your deliberations will profit each of us, and be a source of inspiration to others, and that, although the Chapters we represent may be widely separated, yet through our attendance here we may gain some further knowledge of what we are all seeking to do in the interests of the Royal Craft.

We wish to thank you for the privilege of attending this Convocation, and would repeat that we sincerely hope it will be of mutual profit and pleasure.

ADDRESS

of the

Grand First Principal

To the Members of the Grand Chapter of
Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

My Companions:

We meet again this beautiful March morning to review the labors of the past year in the cause of Capitular Masonry in our fair Province of Alberta. One year ago I accepted with some trepidation the honor that my fellow companions conferred upon me in elevating me to the exalted position of Grand First Principal. During the past twelve months I have endeavored to discharge the manifold duties of that high office with industry, prudence and understanding and am now required to give a report of my stewardship to the Companions here assembled. I am happy in the thought that, so far as the active workings of our Constituent Chapters and of the organization of Grand Chapter are concerned, there has prevailed a fine spirit of harmony and co-operation throughout the entire Jurisdiction. While perhaps no outstanding achievements were accomplished, yet I am certain that our cause has gone forward in steady progress. I have pleasure in welcoming you most heartily to this, our fifteenth Annual Convocation. May the Most High guide us in our deliberations to the end that new designs may be drawn on the trestleboard showing the way to new opportunities of service and devotion.

My first Official Act was to present, on your behalf, the Past Grand First Principal's Jewel to Most Excellent Companion William M. McNab, a duty made all the more pleasing from the realization of the zeal and earnestness with which he had served our Royal Craft during his year of office as Grand First Principal.

NECROLOGY

One year ago tomorrow afternoon it was my high privilege to be installed into office by my friend, brother and Companion of over twenty years, Most Excellent Companion S. Y. Taylor. This Masonic ceremony was the last service Most Excellent Companion Taylor was permitted to render to his Companions. In receiving the sceptre of office from his hands I felt I could confidently count upon his wise counsel through the year to follow. How little we know of the plans of the Great Jehovah. Within a few hours of the close of Grand Chapter our Most Excellent Companion was stricken down with the illness which in the course of a few days ended his mortal career and he entered the Grand Chapter above to pursue with undiminished faith and zeal the search for divine truth in which he with us had gone a little way while sojourning in this sublunary abode. Most Excellent Companion Taylor came to Alberta at the end of 1906 as a Royal Arch Mason who had rendered distinguished service to the Royal Craft in Ontario. His wide knowledge of many branches of Masonic learning was rapidly recognized by the Royal Arch Masons of Alberta as eminently fitting him for a position of leadership. When the Grand Chapter of Alberta was formed he was the unanimous choice for our

First Grand Z. and perhaps only those of us who have been privileged to work with him in the affairs of Grand Chapter from its inception until his lamented passing can form a true conception of the great interest he took in the progress of our Grand Chapter as well as the zeal and energy which he devoted to the faithful and successful discharge of the many Masonic duties laid upon him from time to time during those years. We will all bear him in grateful remembrance, tinged with sadness, when we recall that his last Masonic labors were exercised during our last Annual Convocation and which came to a fitting close in the masterly presentation of the Installation Ceremony in which he had long greatly excelled. I know it was a source of deep gratification to him that the lot had fallen to him of installing into office his long time friend, associate and companion, your present Grand First Principal. May we all hope when the summons shall come from the Great Jehovah we may be able to look back over a lifetime of faithful and devoted service in some degree comparable to that of our illustrious Most Excellent Companion, whose absence we now feel so keenly.

Our Grand Chapter was again sadly bereaved by the passing beyond our mortal ken after a brief illness of our beloved Right Excellent Companion Chester A. Arthur. Companion Arthur was one of those happy souls who endear themselves to all who are privileged to know or come in contact with them. His genial nature, his happy smile and sympathetic tone instantly won the heart of every Companion who was privileged to a personal friendship with him. His services as Grand Lecturer of this Grand Chapter are deservedly remembered throughout this Jurisdiction. It was my privilege to know Right Excellent Companion Arthur but a few short years but in that time he won an abiding place in my esteem and loving regard. His life and influence among us and the recollection of his kindly personality will surely help us all to cultivate those charming qualities of mind and heart which made him such a delightful Companion and a loyal and zealous Mason. I felt it my duty and privilege as your Grand First Principal to attend in person and present the loving sympathy of his Companions to his bereaved widow and son and on your behalf to attend in person the last Masonic rites tendered him by his loving Brethren and Companions and as your representative pay our last tribute of love and respect to the memory of our departed Companion.

The scythe of Time has cut down from our midst twenty-six other Companions who are all greatly missed and mourned in their former respective spheres of activity and influence. May we all be led by the contemplation of these bereavements to realize how brief is the time allotted to us to labor in the quarries and to dedicate ourselves anew with inspiration drawn from the memory of the achievements and graces of our departed Companions to a renewed service to our Brethren and Companions and their loved ones.

Other Grand Jurisdictions have likewise suffered depletion in their ranks both of Companions who have held high office and rendered distinguished service and of others who have faithfully performed their duties in such spheres of opportunity as a wise and loving Providence may have vouchsafed to them. To all such sister Jurisdictions and their Constituent Chapters we tender our sincerest sympathy and condolence.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The special committees on the "Revision of the Constitution" and on the "Work" have been active during the year and will present reports to you later in the session. As a member of these Committees I will only say that though they have been laborious in their efforts

they have found it impossible to complete the "Revision of the Constitution" in time to give the necessary notices of motion under our Constitution. In regard to the "Work" I think I may say it has been found expedient to try out in actual demonstration the various points requiring elucidation or interpretation before adopting any hard and fast definitions. Under these circumstances I would therefore recommend to Grand Chapter that these Committees be continued in office for another year, at the end of which I feel sure their labors will be completed and reports presented which may confidently be expected to form the basis of decisions by Grand Chapter which will have an abiding value.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

After consultation with the several Grand Superintendents, arrangements were made by the Superintendents for holding a District Meeting in each of the five Masonic Districts.

The first of these meetings was held in District No. 2 at Hanna, Alberta, under the direction of Right Excellent Companion Cuthbert Fowler of Coronation Chapter No. 23. At the suggestion of the Companions of Hanna Chapter, the District Meeting was arranged to take place in Hanna Chapter following the ceremony of Constitution and Consecration of this Chapter, which had been granted its Warrant of Constitution at the meeting of Grand Chapter in March, 1928. This joint function was held on the 3rd day of June, 1928. In the afternoon the ceremony of Constitution and Consecration of the Chapter was carried out under the direction of the Grand First Principal assisted by Right Excellent Companion Flan, Grand Second Principal, Right Excellent Companion Fowler, Grand Superintendent, Right Excellent Companion O. J. Cowin, and Excellent Companion Cameron and many other Companions.

The goodly attendance of the Companions from Hanna augmented by the Companions from Youngstown, Coronation and Drumheller made this ceremony very pleasing and effective. The energy and zeal displayed by the Companions of Hanna Chapter in entertaining the visiting Companions and in carrying out the main portion of the labors of the day augur well for the future success of Hanna Chapter. This Chapter is officered by experienced and capable Masons and as it is located in a growing railway centre situate in the midst of a fine agricultural district there should be every prospect of Hanna Chapter developing into one of the strongest and most useful Chapters in our Jurisdiction.

In the evening the District Meeting was conducted by R. E. Comp. Fowler and the Companions of Eheyeh Chapter from Drumheller officiated in the exemplification of the work under the able leadership of E. Comp. Cameron. Many questions bearing on the work in the several degrees were asked by the Companions present and the evening closed with addresses by the Grand First Principal and other officers of Grand Chapter. I feel that the day's activities will long be remembered by the Companions who were in attendance.

The next District Meeting was held at Strathmore in District No. 4, under the direction of Grand Superintendent R. E. Comp. O. G. Craig. I regret I was not able to attend. However, I received excellent reports concerning it and have every reason to believe it was very satisfactory.

On November 9th, R. E. Comp. Lambertson of District No. 1 arranged for the District Meeting at Edmonton in the Masonic Hall on 102nd Street and a gratifying attendance of the Companions at the

afternoon and evening sessions evidenced the keen interest being taken by the Companions in this District. On this occasion the Companions of Vermilion Chapter were in charge of the exemplification of the work and they acquitted themselves most creditably.

The presence of R. E. Comp. Flan, Grand Second Principal, gave the Grand Superintendent an opportunity to avail himself of R. E. Comp. Flan's proven skill and mastery of the Most Excellent Masters' degree according to the new "Work" and, at the suggestion of several Companions, R. E. Comp. Flan assisted by R. E. Comp. MacPherson, Grand Lecturer, gave an instructive demonstration of this work. So keen was the interest of the Companions in getting points cleared up in connection with the work of the degrees that no time was left for addresses by any of the visiting Grand Chapter officers. However, between the afternoon and evening session a very enjoyable banquet was served which was followed by a brief but enjoyable social hour.

The District Meeting in District No. 5 was called by R. E. Comp. Cumberland, to be held under the auspices of Bekah Chapter at Macleod, on October 24th. There was a large and enthusiastic attendance at this District Meeting, all Chapters in the district being represented and the work of the evening being in charge of the Companions of Hillvue Chapter, who proved their skill and ability to the satisfaction of all present. On this occasion also the Companions evinced the keenest interest in questions of interpretation and the illustration of points arising in the new work which were satisfactorily cleared up by the Grand Chapter officers present. I recall with sadness that this was the last occasion on which I was privileged to enjoy the genial society of R. E. Comp. Arthur, whose death at the end of January, after a brief illness, came to all of us as a great and painful surprise.

With regard to the District Meeting in District 3, R. E. Comp. Garnes was unable to have this meeting in 1928 owing to being absent from the district for the latter part of 1928. After conferring with several Grand Chapter officers and with Grand Superintendent Craig, of District No. 4, R. E. Comp. Garnes arranged for a joint Chapter of Instruction for the Companions of Districts Nos. 3 and 4, which was held in the new Masonic Temple at Calgary, on January 14th. Owing to other important matters, I was unable to reach this meeting in time to participate in the meeting in the chapter room but was pleased to join with the companions in the banquet which followed and from reports received at the meeting I understand it was an interesting and instructive gathering.

I wish to bear testimony to the zealous and faithful activities of the Grand Superintendents in the discharge of their duties in their respective districts. I am satisfied that each and everyone of them has endeavored to do the very best in his power under the circumstances existing for the welfare of the Craft in his district and their reports will speak more eloquently than any words of mine. R. E. Comp. Craig has been consistently persistent throughout his year in visiting the chapters in his district and R. E. Comp. Lambertson, in District No. 1, has discharged the duties of the Superintendent in that very large district in a highly gratifying and capable manner. I feel that the usual compensation allowed to District Superintendents is by no means an adequate allowance to R. E. Comp. Lambertson for the heavy expenses he must have incurred in travelling throughout his very widely extended district and I feel that special consideration should be given to his case by the Committee on Audit and Finance and by the Grand Chapter.

I have very great pleasure in recommending that Grand Chapter at this Convocation confer upon R. E. Comps. Roy M. Lambertson,

Cuthbert Fowler, David J. Garnes, Orlando G. Craig and Thomas J. Cumberland the rank of Past Grand Superintendent as a recognition of their meritorious and faithful services.

VISITATIONS

Kindly invitations were extended to me by many of the Chapters during the year. I am pleased that I was able to accept all the invitations extended and believe that the visits to these Chapters were of mutual profit and pleasure. I was privileged to attend all the District Meetings with the exception of the District Meeting for District No. 4 on June 27th, 1928. I regret that I was unable to attend this meeting owing to physical disability resulting from an injury received at the laying of the Corner Stone of the new Masonic Temple in Calgary.

In addition to four District Meetings visited, I paid official visits to ten Chapters and the Installation Ceremony in Alberta Chapter, No. 1, and a Joint Meeting of Calgary and Otuskwaw Chapters on the occasion of their joint installation on the 3rd of January, 1929. On all occasions I have been accorded a most fraternal welcome by the Companions of the Chapters and I have greatly enjoyed these happy occasions. It will be impossible to enumerate the many kindly courtesies extended to me throughout the year, but I desire to take this opportunity of extending to all the Companions with whom I have been in contact in my labors as Grand First Principal my warmest thanks and appreciation.

The first Chapter visited by me after taking up the sceptre of office was Capital City, No. 13, located at Edmonton, which I visited on the 25th of May, 1928. This Chapter turned out in gratifying numbers and the whole occasion was full of inspiration for your Grand First Principal in commencing his work among the Royal Craft. This Chapter which is one of the largest in the Province on this occasion maintained its high reputation for efficiency in its work and generosity in its hospitality.

On the 23rd of October, 1928, I visited Keystone Chapter, No. 12, located at Red Deer. This Chapter for some time had not been measuring up to the traditions of its past and on this occasion I desired to make my visit a source of inspiration and stimulus if possible to renewed vigor and zeal on the part of the Companions of Keystone Chapter. The attendance at the meeting was not as large as I had hoped but the Companions who were present showered upon me their cordial greetings and hospitality. Following a banquet I requested a round table conference with all the officers and past officers of the Chapter and I trust that this conference proved helpful to the Chapter. I fully realize that the Companions of Keystone Chapter have difficulties with which to contend, not the least of them arising from apparent apathy on the part of Masons of long standing in our Fraternity. We all realize that in these latter days the demands upon the time of each and every Companion are varied but I sincerely trust that members of our Fraternity who have in the past been pillars of strength will not allow themselves to weary in well doing but will take hold with renewed zeal and maintain the Chapter at Red Deer in a manner at least befitting and I hope even excelling its splendid past.

On the 13th of November, 1928, I had pleasure in visiting Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, located at Gleichen. On this visit I was very much gratified at the excellent attendance and interest shown in Royal Arch Masonry at this point. When one considers the narrow territorial limits of this Chapter and the difficulties of transportation over considerable portions of the year, I felt that Bow Valley Chapter

was deserving of every praise in having maintained itself through adverse conditions and in presenting a strong and hopeful attitude toward the future. There are many fine Masonic spirits in this Chapter and I sincerely trust that they will continue to dedicate themselves to the maintenance of a live and happy Royal Arch Chapter. I feel that this Chapter is exemplifying the principle that large numbers and expansive territory are not essential to the existence of a Royal Arch Chapter but that the main thing is the maintenance of a strong feeling of companionship among the members. I certainly felt that the visit to Bow Valley Chapter was one very well worth while, so far as I was concerned.

On November 15th I paid an official visit to Otuskwam Chapter, No. 9, located at Calgary, and on this occasion had the pleasure of seeing the work of the Most Excellent Master's Degree exemplified in accordance with the new work in a most pleasing and capable manner. The meeting was largely attended and it seemed to be the unanimous opinion that the Most Excellent Master's Degree as then exemplified is a very interesting and enjoyable ceremony. After the Chapter was closed a banquet was served and a program of music and short speeches followed in which the numerous visiting Companions participated.

On the 23rd of November last I had the pleasure of visiting Eheyeh Chapter, No. 27, located at Drumheller, Alberta, the pleasure being enhanced by the presence of Excellent First Principal Odell, of Hanna Chapter, No. 28, and many of his officers and companions on a fraternal visit. E. Comp. Cameron, of Eheyeh Chapter, and his officers exemplified the degree work of the evening in a very pleasing manner and your Grand First Principal was given an opportunity of addressing the companions on the moral and spiritual value of the Royal Arch Degree. Following the closing of the Chapter an enjoyable banquet was served and several very interesting reminiscences were given by visiting companions, some of recent experiences and others dating back over forty years. I feel that Eheyeh Chapter under the capable leadership it has recently been enjoying should move forward to greater and better things.

On November 26th, 1928, I was most heartily welcomed by the Companions of Alberta Chapter, No. 1, the Chapter in which I received my capitial degrees and with which I have ever since been continuously associated. I cannot adequately express my gratitude to my fellow Companions of this Chapter for the loyal support and affectionate regard extended to me on this and other occasions. I believe Alberta Chapter, No. 1, is moving forward into a new era of increased usefulness as the oldest Chapter in this Jurisdiction. I am happy in believing that the Companions are animated by a genuine desire to further the highest interests of Royal Arch Masonry in Calgary and in Alberta.

Having received a very cordial invitation from the Companions of Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, located at Vermilion, Alberta, very kindly seconded by R. E. Comp. Morrison, Grand Third Principal, I journeyed to Vermilion and visited this Chapter on the evening of Tuesday, December 12th, 1928. This trip was made enjoyable by the fact that it was the first time I had had the privilege of traveling through that part of Alberta and realizing the prosperity and success that have followed the settlement of this portion of the country. At Vermilion every courtesy and attention were shown to me and a very well attended meeting of the Companions received me in a very cordial manner. The Companions of Vermilion Chapter carried on the business of their Chapter and exemplified the work of the evening in a highly satisfactory manner. During the Chapter and at the banquet table following the Chapter meeting, many of the Companions gave expression to their

views on various matters of interest in Royal Arch Masonry and altogether I found this meeting very gratifying and inspiring. Vermilion Chapter is to be congratulated on the excellent quality of its officers and members as well as on the active interest displayed in the general activities of the Chapter and the exemplification of the best traditions of Royal Arch Masonry.

On December 20th last I paid an official visit to Banff Chapter, No. 20, this being the occasion of the election of their officers. This Chapter is carrying on an excellent work notwithstanding that its territory is confined to practically one Blue Lodge. It was a great pleasure to fraternize once more with my numerous Masonic friends in Banff Chapter.

On January 10th, 1929, I made an official visit to Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, located at Strathmore, Alberta. This Chapter many years ago did me the honor of making me an honorary life member and I have a peculiar interest in the Companions of Strathmore Chapter because of my early associations therewith and also from the fact that I have there many staunch Royal Arch friends of long standing. On this occasion a fraternal visit was paid to Strathmore Chapter by the Excellent First Principal of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, accompanied by many of his officers and members. The work of the evening was the installation of the new officers for 1929 which ceremony was very effectively conducted by R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan. A very sumptuous banquet was served to the Companions and their ladies in the Memorial Hall, R. E. Comp. Walter E. Mercer officiating as toastmaster in a most acceptable manner. Addresses were given by a number of the visiting Companions. Strathmore Chapter is to be congratulated upon its fine Masonic spirit and continued progress. Like Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, it has a limited territorial jurisdiction and I think it is much to the credit of the Companions in Chapters such as these that they carry on in good spirit the work of the Chapter in the face of manifold difficulties and discouragements. I feel sure that Strathmore Chapter has left its doubts behind and is now facing a period of growth and successful achievement.

On January 14th I had the pleasure of installing the newly elected Excellent Principal and Officers of Alberta Chapter, No. 1. I sincerely thank the Companions of Alberta Chapter for the compliment paid to me in inviting me to instal their officers on this occasion, this being the first installation of Alberta Chapter, No. 1, in the new Chapter room in the new Masonic Temple in Calgary. A gratifying attendance of the Companions was present and everything was done to make the evening one of pleasure and inspiration to the installing officer.

On January 3rd I was privileged to attend the joint installation of the officers of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, and Calgary Chapter, No. 11, conducted by R. E. Comp. J. R. Flan who has earned an enviable reputation as installing officer. The attendance was large and a most enthusiastic spirit was displayed by the Companions throughout the entire proceedings. These chapters are both strong and vigorous and I look forward with every confidence to each of them having a future filled with worthy and laudable Masonic achievements.

NEW CHAPTER

On the petition of twenty-one companions resident at or near Jasper, after due consideration of the prospects of a new Chapter located at that point, which is practically on the border of British Columbia, I granted a dispensation to the petitioners, authorising them to meet in the village of Jasper on the third Thursday of every

month and proceed as a regular Chapter, to be entitled David Thompson Chapter, and to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Most Excellent Master and the supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch conformably to the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, and did appoint E. Companion James Sharpe Crozier, E. Companion Neils Anderson Bolli and Companion Edward Alden Shaw to be respectively the First Principal Z., Second Principal H. and Third Principal J. of the said Chapter.

The petition, with the necessary documents attached certifying to the standing of the petitioners, was received by the Grand Scribe E. early in July, 1928. The dispensation was granted on 24th December, 1928.

Owing to my inability to travel to Jasper in January, 1929, I requested R. E. Companion Roy E. Lambertson, Grand Superintendent of District No. 1, to institute this Chapter. R. E. Companion Lambertson, accompanied by a large number of companions from Edmonton, instituted the new Chapter on the twenty-first day of February, 1929, and reported that the proceedings were in every way gratifying and successful.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND CHAPTERS NEAR THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALBERTA

Florida—R. E. Companion George E. Cruickshank, Hillcrest.

APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THIS GRAND CHAPTER NEAR OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS

New York—E. Companion Roy H. Service, Dolgeville.

Rhode Island—E. Companion Henry G. Heath, Hope Valley.

Victoria—R. E. Companion Charles Thomas Martin, South Yarra.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED, 1928-1929

April 14th, 1928.—To Hillvue Chapter, No. 15, Hillcrest, to install the officers of said Chapter out of time, the previous installation ceremony having been ineffective.

April 25th, 1928.—To Vermilion Chapter No. 14, Vermilion, to install Companion Thomas H. Taylor in the office of Principal Sojourner of Vermilion Chapter, he being absent from the town on the date of the regular installation.

July 3rd, 1928.—To Hiram Chapter, No. 19, Youngstown, to install and invest the officers of said Chapter at an emergent meeting to be held on 9th July, a quorum not being present on the regular night of installation, June 4th, 1928.

October 29th, 1928.—To Norwood Chapter, No. 18, Edmonton, to install E. Companion James A. Spalding in the office of First Principal of said Chapter, he, through illness, having been prevented from attending the regular installation ceremonies or other subsequent meeting.

December 7th, 1928.—To Golden West Chapter, No. 5, High River, to hold a regular convocation on Friday, the 28th day of December, instead of Tuesday, the 25th day of December, that being Christmas Day.

December 7th, 1928.—To Keystone Chapter, No. 12, Red Deer, to hold a regular convocation on Thursday, the 20th of December, in lieu of Tuesday, the 25th, that being Christmas Day.

December 11th, 1928.—To Vermilion Chapter, No. 14, Vermilion, to elect and install Companion William W. Bell as Third Principal J. of said Chapter, and to elect and install Companion Thomas Watt as Principal Sojourner, waiving the constitutional notice of such election to the members, and permitting the installation to take place on the same night as the election.

December 15th, 1928.—To Kether Chapter, No. 8, Pincher Creek, to hold their regular convocation on Friday, the 21st day of December, instead of Thursday, the 20th day of December, for the convenience of the companions of Bekah Chapter, No. 7, Macleod, who intend to pay a fraternal visit to Kether Chapter.

December 21st, 1928.—To Bekah Chapter, No. 7, Macleod, to install Companion William A. Betts in the office of Second Principal H., he not having served a period of 12 months in the office of Third Principal J., according to Clause 79 of the Constitution.

December 21st, 1928.—To Bekah Chapter, No. 7, Macleod, to change the date of the regular convocation from Wednesday, January 2nd, 1929, to Tuesday, January 8th, 1929, as they anticipate a quorum may not be present on the regular night of meeting, it following so closely on New Year's Day.

December 24th, 1928.—To Calgary Chapter, No. 11, Calgary, to install and invest the officers of said Chapter out of time, at a joint convocation with Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, to be held in the New Masonic Temple, on Thursday, the 3rd day of January, A.D. 1929.

January 3rd, 1929.—To Coronation Chapter, No. 23, Coronation, to install Companion George Athol Hetherington as Second Principal H. for the coming year, he not having served a period of 12 months in the chair of Third Principal, according to Clause 79 of the Constitution.

January 5th, 1929.—To North Star Chapter, No. 2, Edmonton, to install Companion W. L. Sharp as Principal Sojourner, out of time, he being absent from the regular installation in December, owing to illness.

January 5th, 1929.—To Shekinah Chapter, No. 4, Lethbridge, to install Companion John A. Livingston as Second Principal H. of said Chapter for the year 1929, he not having served a period of 12 months in the chair of Third Principal, according to Clause 79 of the Constitution.

January 5th, 1929.—To Harmony Chapter, No. 26, Bassano, to change the date of the regular convocation from Thursday, 17th January, 1929, to Thursday, 24th January, 1929.

DISPENSATIONS REFUSED

A request was received from Hanna Chapter, No. 28, for a dispensation giving leave to confer the Mark Master Mason, Most Excellent Master and Holy Royal Arch Degrees on one day, namely Thursday, January 17th.

The Chapter was referred to that part of Section 95 of the Constitution reading as follows:

"No Brother shall be exalted to the Royal Arch Degrees unless he has received the degrees of Mark Master and Most Excellent Master and has passed a satisfactory examination in those degrees."

The Grand First Principal considered it was not in his power to grant the dispensation.

BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS APPROVED

Amendment to By-laws of Norwood Chapter No. 18.
 Amendment to By-laws of Mount Horeb Chapter, No. 6.
 Amendment to By-laws of Strathcona Chapter, No. 25.
 Amendment to By-laws of Harmony Chapter, No. 26.
 Amendment to By-laws of Hiram Chapter, No. 19.

RULINGS

1. In the month of January, 1929, through the Grand Scribe E., the question was submitted by Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, of a companion and member of the Chapter who had been a member of Mizpah Lodge A.F. & A.M. in Medicine Hat, and after exaltation in Assiniboia Chapter he had left Medicine Hat and joined a Lodge in Saskatchewan. Recently he had been suspended by Mizpah Lodge for non-payment of dues.

I ruled, under Section 20 of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Alberta, that this companion was automatically suspended from membership in Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, by virtue of his suspension by Mizpah Lodge, duly notified to Assiniboia Chapter, No. 3, notwithstanding his membership in the Saskatchewan Lodge.

2. The question was submitted by Bekah Chapter, No. 7, concerning a brother who had presented his petition for exaltation to Bekah Chapter, No. 7, and after the usual procedure his petition had been accepted and he was notified thereof in due course. The petitioner did not present himself to Bekah Chapter, No. 7, for the degree of Mark Master Mason within a period of twelve months of the date of the ballot. Meanwhile the petitioner had changed his residence from Macleod to Calgary, and at the time the question was submitted he and his family had been resident in Calgary for over a year.

On the facts submitted I held the domicile of the petitioner had been changed from Macleod to Calgary. Inasmuch as more than twelve months had passed since the date of the acceptance by ballot of the petition, it appeared that a fresh petition and ballot were required under Section 93 of our Constitution.

I ruled that on the facts the petitioner had ceased to be regular material for Bekah Chapter, No. 7, and in order that Bekah Chapter, No. 7, might be able to act upon such fresh petition, they would have to apply for and receive waiver of jurisdiction over the petitioner from the Chapters located in Calgary.

3. The question was submitted by Harmony Chapter, No. 26, concerning the status of a companion who signed the petition for dispensation to form Harmony Chapter when this companion was a member in good standing in Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10. Later this companion appears to have been suspended for non-payment of dues by Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, which raised the question of his status in Harmony Chapter, No. 26. It appears that the Warrant of Constitution was issued to Harmony Chapter, No. 26, while this companion was still a member in good standing in Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10.

I ruled that by Section 105 of our Constitution this companion automatically ceased to be a member of Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, on the issue of the Warrant of Constitution to Harmony Chapter, No. 26, and therefore, at the time of his suspension by Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, he was not liable to such suspension.

It appears that these Chapters had become somewhat tangled in their resolutions and actions regarding this companion. After considerable correspondence with a view to ascertaining the precise facts, the matter was straightened out and the companion given his proper standing in Harmony Chapter, No. 26.

INVITATIONS

During the year invitations were received from the following Grand Chapters to attend their Annual Convocations:

From the Grand Chapter of North Dakota, January 22nd and 23rd, 1929; from the Grand Chapter of Manitoba, February 6th, 1929; from the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan, February 20th, 1929, and from the Grand Chapter of Canada, February 27th and 28th, 1929.

I regret that owing to circumstances beyond my control I was unable to accept the invitations from the Grand Chapter of Manitoba and the Grand Chapter of Canada and in acknowledgment of the invitations from these two Grand Chapters, through our Grand Scribe E, our regrets were suitably expressed coupled with most cordial fraternal greetings and best wishes for the success of their respective Convocations.

Fortunately for myself, at least, I was able to accept the invitations from the Grand Chapters of North Dakota and Saskatchewan, though in both instances I was only able to make the decision at the last moment.

On January 22nd and 23rd last, I received a very warm fraternal welcome from the Grand Chapter of North Dakota, expressed on behalf of the Grand High Priest by M. E. Comp. Walter L. Stockwell, the Grand Secretary. Every courtesy and attention were shown to me during these two days which are among my most pleasant Masonic experiences. Additional pleasure was derived from the circumstance that representatives from the Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan and South Dakota and Minnesota were present at this Annual Convocation as guests of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota. Manitoba was represented by its Grand First Principal, M. E. Comp. Simmons, accompanied by M. E. Comp. Lawrence, P.G.Z. Saskatchewan was ably represented by R. E. Comp. Joseph F. Yorke, then Grand Second Principal, who has since been elevated to the position of Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan. Minnesota was represented by its Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. Pool, and South Dakota was represented by M. E. Comp. Stanton, a Past Grand High Priest.

The Grand Chapter of North Dakota signally honored these visitors, including your Grand First Principal, by electing them honorary life members of their Grand Chapter. M. E. Comp. Stockwell, Grand Secretary, and M. E. Comp. Otto F. Hennings, Grand High Priest, in their words of welcome and upon announcing the honors conferred, emphasized the international aspect of these fraternal visitations and referred to them as happy illustrations of the growth and development of closer fraternal relations across our international borders.

The Grand Chapter of North Dakota, although organized many years before that of Alberta, has about the same number of constituent Chapters with a somewhat larger membership than we have in Alberta. These Chapters are distributed somewhat evenly throughout the territorial area of the Jurisdiction and, in large measure, the problems of Royal Arch Masonry in North Dakota are very much akin to those we are facing in our own Jurisdiction. Among the inducing factors leading me to visit this Jurisdiction were the outstanding character of their Grand Secretary who is recognized all over the United States and Canada as one of the outstanding dynamic Masonic personalities of our day, and the belief that much could be learned through such a visit by your Grand First Principal, who hoped to make it of value and service to our own Grand Chapter. One of the most striking features of this Grand Convocation was the report of a special committee appointed by the Grand High Priest about a year ago to make a survey of the conditions obtaining throughout the Jurisdiction, having particular reference to the fact that certain Chapters appeared to be either losing ground or just holding on and also the problem of meeting inadequate attendance at stated meetings and generally the consideration of ways and means of stimulating a keener interest in Royal Arch Masonry. This report was exhaustive in its treatment of these conditions and problems and I believe could be studied with very great advantage by those responsible for the future welfare of this Grand Chapter.

I sincerely trust that the Masons of Alberta either through our Grand Chapter or through the Grand Lodge of Alberta will be privileged at no distant date to again have with us M. E. Comp. Stockwell and receive from him further inspiring messages.

On the 20th of February, I was privileged to attend the sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan in the Masonic Temple at Regina. The formal invitation, which had been received through our Grand Scribe E, was reiterated and pressed upon me by R. E. Comp. Yorke on the occasion of our visit to North Dakota. I wish to testify to the very generous hospitality of the companions of Saskatchewan, for nothing looking to my comfort or pleasure was overlooked and I tender my sincerest thanks to M. E. Comps. Wilson and Yorke and R. E. Comp. Reilly and many other Companions for the manifold courtesies shown to me throughout my visit.

This Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan was unique in that the Grand First Principals of the four most Western Grand Chapters in Canada, those of British Columbia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, were for the first time gathered together in a Grand Chapter Convocation. Fitting reference to this occurrence was made both by the Companions of Saskatchewan and by their guests. It was considered a happy omen for a closer union between these four Grand Chapters in the years to come. Your Grand First Principal seized this opportunity to urge upon the other three Grand First Principals in Western Canada the desirability of repeating this occurrence at our Annual Convocation on the 20th of March. Unfortunately the Grand First Principal of Manitoba found it would be impossible for him to accept our invitation but I am hoping that when our meeting convenes, the Grand First Principals of Saskatchewan and British Columbia will be with us.

I was very much impressed with the splendid type of Masonic manhood which appeared in evidence at this meeting of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan. Their Grand Chapter seemed to me to be truly a cross section of the citizenship of Saskatchewan, emulating in that regard what I believe to be likewise true of the Grand Lodge of Sas-

katchewan, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. I cannot but feel that Royal Arch Masonry in Saskatchewan is a strong, virile and aggressive power in the Masonic sphere. I look forward with great confidence to the development of our Royal Craft in Saskatchewan along very sane, sound and progressive lines during the coming years.

A very pleasing event was the unanimous election of the three visiting Grand First Principals and the Right Excellent Companion from Minnesota to honorary life membership in the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan. For myself I deeply appreciate the honor conferred upon me by the Companions of Saskatchewan.

A very pleasing fraternal connection which had been established between the Grand Chapters of Minnesota and Alberta on the occasion of your Grand First Principal meeting M. E. Comp. Pool, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota at Fargo, North Dakota in January last, was further strengthened at Regina in February, in meeting R. E. Comp. Cantelon, of Warroad, Minnesota, Grand Captain of the Host in the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, who had been specially delegated by M. E. Comp. Pool to represent him at the recent Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.

R. E. Comp. Cantelon proved himself to be a most delightful companion and a well skilled and zealous Royal Arch Mason. I trust that in the near future we may be favored with a visit to our Grand Chapter by the Grand High Priest of Minnesota or his Grand Captain of the Host.

FOREIGN RELATIONS

It is with great pleasure I report that the fraternal relations between our sister Jurisdictions and this Grand Chapter continue to be of the most harmonious character.

I sincerely hope that these fraternal relations may become more intimate as the years pass. On several instances I have received courteous and fraternal letters from prominent Royal Arch Masons in other Jurisdictions. Among these I might mention a letter from M. E. Comp. Ely P. Hubbell, Past Grand High Priest of Florida, which Jurisdiction was so ably represented near this Jurisdiction by the late M. E. Comp. S. Y. Taylor.

It has seemed to me that a splendid opportunity for increasing the fraternal intercourse between the several Grand Jurisdictions has not been seized in the past to any very great extent. I refer to the possibilities for increasing intimacy of fraternal relations that might arise through systematic though not necessarily extensive correspondence between the Grand Representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Jurisdictions with some responsible official of this Grand Chapter and the Grand Representatives of such other Jurisdictions near this Grand Chapter with some similarly responsible officials or representatives of the Grand Chapters to which they are respectively accredited. These Grand Representatives in the main are discharging more or less perfunctory duties consisting in attendance on the Convocation of the Grand Chapter to which they are accredited. If each of these Grand Representatives could be induced to seriously undertake the duty of conveying to the authorities of the Grand Chapter whom they represent a concise yet synoptic report of the progress of the Royal Craft in the Jurisdiction in which he resides there would be undoubtedly a great deal of added interest in our Annual Convocations. At present we learn of what is going on in other Grand Bodies only through the reports of their annual proceedings and these reports in fact, if not in theory, actually come under the notice or study of very few of the Grand Chapter

officers or members. These chiefly are those who engage in the pleasing duty of reviewing these Annual Proceedings on behalf of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence. The basis for these reviews is the formal record of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter under review. As a matter of fact the reviews of the Proceedings of other Grand Chapters which are now quite generally printed as an appendix to the report of the Annual Proceedings are read or interpreted to a very small portion of our Grand Chapter membership. I believe a more personal touch in the matter of these contacts would be most helpful in bringing us closer together through a better understanding of our respective activities and ideals. I submit the foregoing as a suggestion first of all for the consideration of the Grand Representatives concerned and particularly for the consideration of the Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions near this Grand Chapter.

OBSERVATIONS

One would like to feel that a Grand Convocation of our Royal Craft might pass without need for comment on the lack of thorough preparation and serious study given by officers of the Constituent Chapters in respect of the duties of their officers. This is a condition which seems to be universal throughout Masonry. Nevertheless, I feel that it cannot be too often urged and impressed upon the Representatives of the Chapters in Grand Chapter assembled, or in any other way they may be reached, how great is the importance of the First Principal and the Scribe E developing the very best of team work and also making an intensive study of the Constitution of Grand Chapter and the Bylaws of their own Chapter and following on this, making a definite practice of seeing that the plain and inescapable provisions of these rules and regulations be carried out in the business of the Chapter. If any matters arise in which there is doubt, the officials of Grand Chapter should always be ready and willing to receive inquiries and to endeavor to submit solutions for the problems presented. Much of the friction (though happily there is not a very great deal of it) between the offices of the Grand Scribe E and the Scribe E of the constituent Chapter and between the several constituent Chapters over matters of detail administration could be happily avoided if the suggestions made above were definitely followed and practised. I realize that each year brings its changes in the personnel of the administration of the constituent Chapters and also in that of Grand Chapters, but, none the less, as our prairies become more and more permanently settled and the even flow of population falls into more or less definite channels these problems will gradually disappear. Meanwhile it would seem that the exercise of the broadest Masonic charity and the widest range of brotherly love should be used in an effort to avoid all these unnecessary sources of irritation and difficulty. I am happy to say that during the past year very few instances of this kind have been brought to my notice and I have had occasion to submit advice to the constituent Chapters in very few cases.

It seems to me that for some years to come in a sparsely settled country such as Alberta, every encouragement should be given to Chapters located at scattered points to carry on their work with the minimum number of difficulties so far as these are created by the regulations of Grand Chapter. Ideal conditions of constitutional practice and ritualistic work, which may be very well looked for in an urban centre like Calgary or Edmonton can hardly be expected from a Chapter located on the outskirts of this wide-spread Jurisdiction. While distinct and clear violations of definite constitutional provisions cannot be permitted in any Chapter, wheresoever located, yet, I myself, as Grand First Principal, have not felt it incumbent on me to be too exacting or rigorous in these matters.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Re Membership—

The problem of the constituent Chapter maintaining the membership satisfactorily in numbers and active and interested in the business and work of the Chapters is perhaps the outstanding problem in the great majority of Chapters. Some suggestions have occurred to me and with your kind permission I wish to submit them for the consideration and approval not only of this Grand Chapter but also of the constituent Chapters.

1. I believe the solicitation for members in Royal Arch Chapters in a dignified manner is entirely proper and is a duty upon the constituent Chapter and its individual members. I do not, however, favor the indiscriminate solicitation of Master Masons but believe that a Master Mason to be eligible for exaltation to the Royal Arch Degree should be a Master Mason in fact as well as in name. I conceive it to be the privilege, I might even say the duty of every Royal Arch Mason to bring to the attention of such eligible Master Masons as he knows to be worthy and believes to be capable of genuine appreciation of the symbolism of the Royal Arch Degree, the desirability of seeking further light as is particularly found in the degree conferred in a Royal Arch Chapter.

2. One of the greatest difficulties facing Masonic bodies at the present day is the problem of loss of membership through suspension for non-payment of dues. The losses from this source alone are altogether too heavy and very often entirely offset the gain in membership which are the result of the intelligence and zeal of the effective members of our Chapters. It must indeed be at times discouraging to many Excellent Principals and their officers to find at the end of a year's active and earnest work that from a standpoint of effective membership the Chapter has substantially made no gain in members owing to the heavy losses through suspension. Doubtless in some cases the financial point is responsible for this loss but I believe in the majority of cases it is not the amount of money involved for dues but other factors resulting in lack of interest which result in this deplorable wastage of membership.

I believe it would be to the decided advantage of each and every Chapter to have a standing committee on membership whose duty it should be, first, to bring to the attention of eligible Master Masons the desirability of obtaining the advantages of Royal Arch Masonry, second, to assist the Scribe E in the collection of dues which have in any sense become delinquent or in arrears, third, to take up by personal contact and interview the cases of Companions cited for suspension for non-payment of dues with the view of reducing these cases to the smallest possible numbers and, fourth, to give particular attention to the matter of securing petitions for affiliation from Companions resident in the Jurisdiction of the Chapter but not members therein. Aggressive, patient and assiduous attention to these factors in an intelligent and sympathetic way would in my opinion go a long way towards solving this problem. It means of course effort and diligence but no organization can be effectively maintained without effort and work.

Re Chapter Meetings—

One of the difficulties encountered by Chapters located in other than urban centers is the maintenance of an efficient staff of officers which is representative of its membership. The Chapter being located in one of several centres within its territorial Jurisdictions has a considerable proportion of its members living at a distance and these

are more or less prevented by this circumstance from enjoying a full measure of activity and responsibility in the affairs of the Chapter. This results in the practical situation that the Chapter must be largely officered by members living in the centre where the Chapter room is located and its meetings held. I find in some Grand Jurisdictions that where there are located within the territorial Jurisdiction of a Chapter one or more Masonic lodge rooms other than the one in which the Chapter regularly meets that the Chapter is permitted to hold meetings for the conferring of degrees and sometimes other business at different points within its territorial area. While perhaps at this time it would not be desirable to make a Chapter ambulatory throughout its territorial Jurisdiction for all purposes, it does seem to me that it would be of great advantage to many of our Chapters if they could be allowed to hold meetings of Mark Master Mason and Most Excellent Master Lodges in other Masonic lodge rooms than the one in which they regularly meet. This would have the effect of creating in these other centres a definite interest in the Chapter and I submit this suggestion for discussion at this Grand Chapter Meeting and for the careful consideration in the light of that discussion by the committee on the Revision of the Constitution.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, companions, I desire to express to one and all my deep gratitude for the manifold kindnesses and courtesies extended to me throughout the past year and to couple therewith my earnest hope that we may all be privileged to meet from time to time for many years to come not only in happy gatherings such as these Annual Convocations but in every other sphere of activity in which zealous Royal Arch Masons delight to work together in peace, love and harmony.

For some years I have been using my powers of observation according to my opportunities both in this and other Jurisdictions and have also made some study of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in these later times to the extent that the same may be disclosed by a careful and sympathetic reading of the reports of the Annual Proceedings of many Jurisdiction.

The conviction is born in upon me that Royal Arch Masonry is an organization that is functioning satisfactorily so far as appears in the external workings of the constituent Chapters and the Grand Chapters. Speaking generally, Royal Arch Masonry has its fair quota of brilliant, capable and devoted leaders and in the rank and file there is a large proportion who are loyal, diligent and zealous supporters of those leaders. The constituent Chapters in the main are officered by intelligent, willing and earnest companions. The mechanism of our Royal Craft is operated with a very fair degree of success and the financial position of Grand Chapter and constituent Chapters on the average is adequate and satisfactory.

On the other hand it seems to me that this wide-spread association of companions who are working together with common aims and objects is not possessed of sufficiently clear understanding of the principles and philosophy of Royal Arch Masonry, nor of a deep enough insight and appreciation of the true import and meaning of our beautiful symbolism. Briefly, it would seem that Royal Arch Masonry is functioning satisfactorily from the material viewpoint but is missing some of the higher spiritual values.

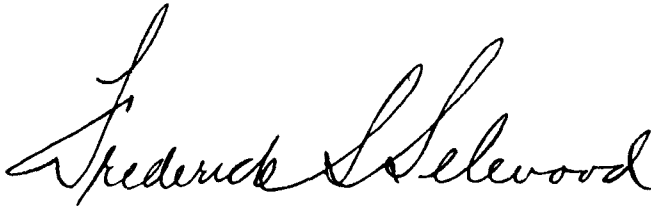
If my analysis be in any degree correct, I think perhaps the conditions obtaining have arisen from a lack of understanding and appreciation of Royal Arch Masonry for itself alone and an acceptance, expressed or implied, of the position of being intermediary between the Craft degrees and other so called branches of Free Masonry. I

believe Royal Arch Masonry will not achieve the success it merits as an institution, indeed will not even retain that measure of success it has already attained, unless a sincere and persistent effort be made by all its leaders, its officers and its members to place the highest interests of Royal Arch Masonry first and to impress upon the membership everywhere the true value of our symbolism and the great benefit which can be secured by each and everyone of us by a steady devotion to our principles along these lines.

Having these convictions, I have felt throughout my year of office that the greatest service which I could render to Royal Arch Masonry in this Jurisdiction at this time would consist not in emphasizing perfection in ritualistic work nor in stressing energetic organization of our material resources nor in requiring increased efficiency in the administration of the business of the constituent Chapters or the Grand Chapter, but in endeavoring to the best of my ability and opportunity to inspire in the hearts of the Companions of this Jurisdiction the earnest desire for a richer and fuller experience of the spiritual values of our beloved institution. This aim has been pursued by trying to interest our membership in the history and development of the institution of Royal Arch Masonry and tracing its close connection with Craft Masonry and to lead them into a fuller enjoyment of all the beauties of our wonderful symbolism as portrayed in the mysteries of the Royal Arch Degree.

I realize full well that any such achievement is a matter of years and not of a few months, but I sincerely trust that my efforts in this direction have made a beginning in this great and laudable enterprise sufficient at least to induce not only myself but many others to continue, as opportunity may afford, this kind of Masonic labor in the full faith that in this way lies the road to the salvation of Royal Arch Masonry as a vital, pulsing, spiritual influence in the lives of each and all the Royal Arch Masons in this young and virile Jurisdiction. Happily if we ourselves succeed in some slight measure, we may thereby be yielding our contribution to the upward and onward march of Masonic progress in this, the latest and greatest century of human achievement.

Fraternally submitted,



Grand First Principal

On motion of M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Companion Harold W. B. Bell, it was

RESOLVED, That the address of the Most Excellent Grand First Principal be referred to the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment at 12:30 o'clock p.m.

FIRST DAY

AFTERNOON SESSION

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Chapter resumed labor at 2:15 o'clock p.m.

REPORT

of the

Grand Second Principal

Calgary, Alberta, March 4, 1929.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have pleasure in submitting the following brief report of the work performed by me as Grand Second Principal during the past year.

During that period I visited every Chapter, with one exception, in Districts Nos. 3 and 4, as well as a few Chapters in different localities within this Grand Jurisdiction. Some of the Grand Superintendents occasionally invited me to accompany them on their official visits to either demonstrate or to explain some part of the work, and it afforded me much pleasure to comply with their requests.

I accompanied the Most Excellent Grand First Principal to Hanna on June 3rd, 1928, and assisted in the ceremonies of constituting and consecrating Hanna Chapter, No. 28, and I also installed their officers on that occasion. In the evening a Chapter of Instruction was held, the work of the Holy Royal Arch degree being exemplified by the officers of Eheyeh Chapter, Drumheller. At the request of the Grand First Principal, I acted as Grand Lecturer and answered the various inquiries then made and also explained the work of the degrees.

On June 27th, 1928, I attended a Chapter of Instruction at Strathmore and acted as Grand Lecturer in the absence of R. E. Companion MacPherson, who had been called to another point in the Jurisdiction.

I again visited Strathmore Chapter on August 9th, 1928, at the request of the Grand Superintendent, and, with the assistance of the officers of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, demonstrated the work of conferring the Most Excellent Master degree.

On October 24th, 1928, I had the pleasure of attending, with the Grand First Principal, the District Meeting of District No. 5, at Macleod, when every Chapter was represented. I was called upon to assist in explaining and to illustrate the various phases of the work of the Holy Royal Arch degree and to assist in clearing up several points of the work which were not thoroughly understood by some of the Chapter officers present.

A large number of Calgary companions accompanied me to Didsbury, on October 31st, 1928, to assist in installing the officers of Joseph Stauffer Chapter, this being on the invitation of the Grand Superintendent and the Excellent First Principal of the Chapter.

On the invitation of the Grand First Principal, I accompanied him and the Grand Lecturer to the District Meeting of District No. 1, at

Edmonton, on November 9th, 1928, when the officers of Vermilion Chapter exemplified the Holy Royal Arch degree in an efficient manner and, at the suggestion of several of the companions present that I should assist the Grand Lecturer, we gave a demonstration of the work of the Most Excellent Master Degree as recently adopted by Grand Chapter.

A joint meeting of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, and Calgary Chapter, No. 11, was held in the Masonic Temple, Calgary, on January 3rd, 1929, for the installation of their officers, and I was invited to conduct the ceremony, being assisted by R. E. Companions D. J. Garnes, as H., T. Rankine as J., and W. C. Black as Director of Ceremonies. The large number of companions present was very gratifying, the meeting being one of the best attended in the city for several years.

A meeting of Bow Valley Chapter, No. 10, was held on January 8th, 1929, for the installation of their officers, and I had the honor of performing the ceremony, with the able assistance of R. E. Companion O. G. Craig, E. Companion Pinkerton and Past First Principals of the Chapter.

Strathmore Chapter, No. 21, held the Installation of Officers on January 10th, 1929, which was attended by a large number of Calgary companions, particularly from Otuskwan Chapter, and I had the pleasure of conducting the ceremony on this occasion. This was one of the best attended meetings during the past year, being exceeded only by the joint meeting held in Calgary on January 3rd.

On January 14th, 1929, Alberta Chapter, No. 1, held its Installation of Officers, the ceremony being conducted by the Grand First Principal, and I had the honor of assisting in the work.

Harmony Chapter, No. 26, installed their officers on January 23rd, 1929. With only one exception, I have been honored as Installing Officer, since the Chapter was constituted.) This is one of the most active Chapters in the Jurisdiction and it is again fortunate in the new officers who will, I feel sure, ably carry on the splendid work of their predecessors.

A joint Chapter of Instruction for Districts Nos. 3 and 4 was held at Calgary on February 11th, 1929, when, at the request of the District Superintendents, I conferred the Most Excellent Master degree upon Brother McIntosh of Bow Valley Chapter, being ably assisted by R. E. Companion T. Rankine and the officers of Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9. It is a pleasure to mention that every Chapter in both Districts was represented.

In conclusion, I desire to express my personal sorrow at the loss sustained by Capitular Masonry in the demise of M. E. Companion S. Y. Taylor and R. E. Companion Chester A. Arthur, both of whom passed to their reward during the year; but as the Grand First Principal will no doubt refer to these sad events more fully, I will refrain from making any further remarks other than to say that I am sure every Companion will feel that he has lost dear friends in the passing of our revered companions.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES R. FLAN,
Grand Second Principal.

REPORT

of the

Grand Third Principal

Vermilion, Alberta. March 12th, 1929.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

In submitting the report of my official acts as Grand Third Principal for the past year, I fear it will not be either lengthy or interesting. My activities, such as they were, were confined entirely to my own portion of the Jurisdiction, and even this I did not cover to the extent that I would have wished.

One of the first of my "official visits" was to Killam Chapter in June of last year. I was accompanied by a considerable number of the companions of Vermilion Chapter and at Killam we were joined by R. E. Companion Lambertson, the Grand District Superintendent, who had arranged his visitation for the same evening. The Mark Degree was conferred by Companions from the Vermilion Chapter and it must be said that they did their parts remarkably well. We were all most kindly received, and at the "feast" which followed the evening's visitation there was a flow of good and helpful words in the interests of Capitular Masonry. In my own remarks to the Chapter, I endeavored to enlarge on the Mark Degree, its place in the scheme of Royal Arch Masonry and the lessons to be drawn from its system of symbolism. Killam certainly has a most enthusiastic group of Masonic workers. A fine address was also given by R. E. Companion Lambertson.

With companions from Vermilion Chapter, I attended the District Meeting at Edmonton in November. Here I can only express my own appreciation and that of the companions of my Chapter for the kindness and courtesy with which we were received on that occasion. We were deeply obligated to R. E. Companion Lambertson for his activities in our behalf. I shall not say more, as a report of this meeting will undoubtedly come from the Grand First Principal, who attended also on that very pleasing occasion. R. E. Companion Lambertson is to be congratulated on the marked success of that gathering. May I, however, add that I felt a good deal of personal pride at the splendid manner in which the Royal Arch Degree was conferred at this meeting by the officers of Vermilion Chapter under E. Companion W. H. Scott as First Principal.

In December I visited my own Chapter, Vermilion, No. 14, with the Grand First Principal. It was the night of our Installation of Officers. The companions of the Chapter regretted there was no candidate for exaltation as had been expected. Speaking of this Chapter as an outsider, I wish to congratulate the officers on the splendid and accurate manner in which they performed their work. We regretted very much that R. E. Companion Flan could not be present with us on that occasion.

We were treated that evening to a masterly address by the Grand First Principal, echoes from which are still to be heard in our Chapter room. It was a most profitable evening to the Chapter.

I regretted very much I was unable to accompany R. E. Companion Lambertson on his visit to Jasper on the occasion of the institution of a new Chapter. Circumstances arose just at the last moment which prevented my going.

From what I have been able to gather with regard to Royal Arch Masonry in the "outlying portions" of this Jurisdiction, and in which I particularly move, I have every reason to believe Capitular Masonry is really coming into its own. I think one great reason why brethren of the Craft Lodges have been slow in attaching themselves to the Chapter is that its place in the scheme of Masonry has not been properly impressed upon them. I certainly would like to see more cohesion between the two bodies; that is, I would like somehow to see the Master Mason urged to continue his search into the deeper channels of Masonry as found in the beautiful system of the Royal Arch.

We all miss a great deal by not making more of our opportunities to visit other Chapters whenever the occasion presents itself. We always learn something and it adds to life to receive the glad hand of friendship, the pleasant smile, the firm handshake of the visited companions. It is only by the interchange of visits, by learning from others, that we can grasp the real significance of Masonry.

Yours fraternally,

JOHN W. G. MORRISON,
Grand Third Principal.

On motion of V. E. Companion Charles H. Minchin, seconded by E. Companion George A. Rounce, it was

RESOLVED, That the Reports of the Grand Second and Grand Third Principals be received and referred to the Committee on the Grand First Principal's Address.

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitations to the Grand First Principal and Officers of the Grand Chapter of Alberta to attend Annual Convocations of Sister Grand Chapters:

October 1st, 1928—Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Minnesota.

December 15th, 1928.—Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

December 15th, 1928.—Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota.

January 3rd, 1929.—Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba.

January 16th, 1929.—Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan assuring a right royal welcome to the fortunate companions.

Acknowledgments of an invitation from the Grand Chapter of Alberta to attend our Annual Convocation, and accepting same:

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia.

Regretting their inability to attend:

M. E. Companion Edwin Smith, Grand Chapter of Canada.

M. E. Companion J. C. Walker Reid, Grand Chapter of Manitoba.

M. E. Companion Blanding Fisher, Grand Chapter of North Dakota, appreciating the courtesy and extending their best wishes.

From Past Grand First Principals of this Grand Chapter advising of their inability to be present:

March 15th—Letter from M. E. Companion John E. Johnson, Victoria.

March 20th—Telegram from M. E. Companion Canon S. H. Middleton, Cardston.

March 20th—Telegram from M. E. Companion George B. McLeod, Edmonton, expressing best wishes for a successful convocation.

Officers of Grand Chapter:

R. E. Companion James B. Griffith, Grand Scribe N., Winnipeg;
V. E. Companion William E. Ward, Grand Master 1st Veil, Banff,
with their very best wishes for a profitable and enjoyable convocation.

Greetings from Grand Representatives of Alberta near other Grand Chapters.

Telegram from Companion J. Edward Allen, North Carolina, conveying sincere good wishes.

Letters from:

Companion Robert E. Howard, Alabama.

Companion John W. Prescott, British Columbia.

Companion John K. Brydon, Canada.

Companion Charles H. King, California.

Companion Thomas E. Moody, Mississippi.

Companion LaVelle C. Hicks, Kansas.

Companion Roy H. Service, New York.

Companion Irving Stafford, Ohio.

Companion Edward P. Gallup, Oklahoma.

Companion Adelbert E. Place, Rhode Island.

Companion Lawrence G. Kincheloe, West Virginia.

Companion Walter B. Saunders, Wyoming.

Companion Fred L. Newman, Manitoba.

Companion James M. Wilson, Florida.

Companion Andrew J. Schattgen, Illinois.

Companion Lewis J. Clarke, Iowa.

Letters acknowledging copy of Proceedings from the following Grand Representatives near other Grand Chapters:

Companion Robert E. Howard, Alabama.

Companion John W. Prescott, British Columbia.

Companion John K. Brydon, Ontario, Canada.

Companion Frederick E. Bartholomew, Connecticut.

Companion James M. Wilson, Florida.
 Companion Andrew J. Schattgen, Illinois.
 Companion Lewis J. Clarke, Iowa.
 Companion LaVelle C. Hicks, Kansas.
 Companion Robert W. Oliver, Massachusetts.
 Companion Frederick L. Newman, Manitoba.
 Companion Roy H. Service, New York.
 Companion Charles P. Hoskins, Nevada.
 Companion Irving Stafford, Ohio.
 Companion Adelbert E. Place, Rhode Island.
 Companion William A. Giles, South Carolina.
 Companion J. D. Starks, Texas.
 Companion Alex. Frazier, Washington.
 Companion George W. Bell, Wisconsin.
 Companion Walter B. Saunders, Wyoming.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia.
 Clifford R. Wentzel, Esq.,

Grand Scribe E.,
 Calgary, Alberta.

Dear R. E. Companion:

I am instructed to inform you that at the last Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia, a resolution was passed expressing sympathy with the Grand Chapter of Alberta in the great loss by death of M. E. Companion S. Y. Taylor, one of the founders of that Grand Chapter.

With best wishes, I am,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

J. W. PRESCOTT,
Grand Scribe E.

From Sister Jurisdictions regarding the appointment of Grand Representatives:

Grand Chapter of New York, appointing E. Comp. Roy H. Service.

Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, appointing E. Comp. Henry G. Heath.

Grand Chapter of Victoria, appointing R. E. Companion Charles T. Martin.

From Sister Jurisdictions confirming appointment of Grand Representatives near their Grand Chapters:

Grand Chapter of Florida, confirming appointment of R. E. Companion George E. Cruickshank.

Letters from the following Grand Chapters relative to a request sent out from this Grand Body for copies of Proceedings from their respective Jurisdictions to fill vacancies or replace copies that may have been lost as a result of the fire in the Grand Lodge offices. In nearly every case the Grand Secretary was able to grant this request, and this Grand Chapter gratefully acknowledges the same.

Alabama, Arkansas, California, Canada, Colorado, Delaware, Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, North Dakota, Nova Scotia, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Vermont, Washington and Wyoming.

Oregon, Texas and Wisconsin express regret at not being able to comply with our request.

A letter from Crescent Chapter, No. 24, Calgary, recording the death of a companion of their Chapter, in San Francisco, and the need of assistance for his wife and family, the widow being a patient in hospital at the present time, with the probability of a serious operation.

E. Companion Frederick J. Summerill verbally reported a similar case, a companion of Capital City Chapter, No. 13, Edmonton.

The Grand First Principal ordered that correspondence from our own members be replied to in due course, and such other as had not already been attended to, and filed.

It was moved by M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Companion Walter E. Mercer, and unanimously adopted, that telegrams expressing regret at their absence from this Annual Convocation be sent to M. E. Companions Robert Patterson, John E. Johnson and (Rev. Canon) Samuel H. Middleton.

R. E. Companion Harold W. B. Bell, V. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett and E. Companion William W. Bell were delegated by M. E. Companion Selwood to retire to the home of M. E. Companion James N. Rankin, our veteran Past Grand Principal, and convey the Greetings of the assembled companions, and present him with a box of cigars.

The delegation later reported on the condition of our friend and companion, of the pleasure he evinced as a result of their visit, and the deep feeling shown at not being able to fraternise with the companions during this session.

Grand Superintendent's Reports

DISTRICT No. 1

Edmonton, Alberta, February 1, 1929.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

At the beginning of the year I was elected to superintend District No. 1, which had been enlarged by two additional Chapters (Killam and Wetaskiwin), and it took a few weeks for me to get on my feet and grasp the situation; but upon the occasion of the first visit of the Grand First Principal to Edmonton he appealed to us to "Place Royal Arch Masonry on the Map." From that time on this slogan was adopted for our banner and nailed to the mast. In all my efforts this year it has been my constant endeavor to enhance the prestige of Royal Arch Masonry in this district. With what measure of success we have been rewarded others are best able to judge. No Superintendent can hope to attain success by himself alone. It can only be done with the combined and united effort of all those working with him. He must General those working with him and be as ready to accept advice as to give it. There has been no friction in District No. 1 and we have worked together like one big family of friends and brothers. All that was necessary was for me to suggest and others were at all times ready to give the project a push ahead.

The first duty that fell to my lot upon taking office came as a surprise to all. Scarcely had the able hands of Most Excellent Companion S. Y. Taylor placed the authority of office upon my shoulders than the whole district was thrown into grief at his untimely death, and the flowers we sent to his funeral spoke better than words of the kindly memories we hold of this efficient counsellor. I am sure that no one today would be missed more in Grand Chapter by his passing than Most Excellent Companion Taylor.

The Chapters were visited as follows:

April 5th, Norwood; April 10th, North Star; April 18th, Strathcona; April 19th, Norwood; April 27th, Capital City; May 3rd, Norwood.

May 25th, Capital City. This meeting almost took on the appearance of a District Meeting as we had the pleasure of having on the register the names of M. E. Companion Selwood from Calgary, R. E. Companion Haynes from Mount Olivet Chapter, Killam, M. E. Companions G. B. McLeod, Coote and Downey as well as a goodly representation from all the local Chapters.

June 6th, Strathcona; June 7th, Norwood; June 8th, Capital City.

June 20th I went to Mount Olivet Chapter, Killam. Notwithstanding the fact that the mud was deep, fifteen companions from Vermilion Chapter drove the 90 miles intervening to visit and put on the Mark Master Mason degree for Mount Olivet Chapter, and it was in the wee hours of the morning when we sang "God Save the King."

after having partaken of the hospitality of those fine companions at Killam. It will always be a bright spot in my memory.

June 28th I went to Wetaskiwin to visit Mount Horeb Chapter. No work was put on, but a very pleasant evening was spent, not only by myself but by those who went with me.

July 10th I went to Vermilion, where the Royal Arch was put on in a most able manner by the Vermilion Chapter. Several companions from Mt. Olivet Chapter, Killam, returned the visit which Vermilion had made them previously. When men will drive 180 miles to attend a Chapter meeting their interest is not wanting and they are to be commended.

September 28, Capital City; October 3, Strathcona; October 4, Norwood; November 1, Norwood; November 6, Strathcona.

November 9th. This was our District Meeting, which was held in Edmonton. It was one of the best that I have attended. During the afternoon the companions visited points of interest about the city, and in the evening the Royal Arch Degree was conferred by Vermilion Chapter, who had invaded Edmonton fifteen strong. After the Royal Arch we were instructed in the Most Excellent Master Degree by R. E. Companion Flan. At this meeting we also had with us M. E. Companion Selwood, R. E. Companions Morrison, McPherson, and many other distinguished companions. Things easily obtained are often easily forgotten. I hope that those who had to put forward such an effort to get to this meeting went away with the satisfaction that they had value received. I have reason to believe that they did.

November 15, Norwood; November 16, Capital City; December 5, Strathcona; January 3, Norwood; January 11, Capital City.

The work in the four city Chapters has been well done. It has been an arduous year for the principal officers because of the change of the work. Nevertheless I have seen the work put on by them both new and old ways and both were a credit to them.

During the year I have had the pleasure of recommending the institution of Chapters at both Jasper and Wainwright. Even as this is being written, plans are under way and dispensation granted for the institution of the Chapter at Jasper, which will be held on February 21st. A Capital City team expect to travel this 230 miles and to exemplify the degrees as a Chapter of Instruction after the Chapter has been instituted.

With these two Chapters I feel that District No. 1 is too large to be handled by one Superintendent properly. It requires about 1100 miles of travelling to make one visit to each Chapter and this does not include the proposed Chapter at Wainwright.

Lastly, I wish to thank all the officers and companions of District No. 1 for their hospitality and co-operation during the year just passed. I feel that our combined efforts have not been entirely in vain. I wish also to thank the Grand First Principal and Council for their efforts.

Fraternally submitted,

ROY M. LAMBERTSON,
Grand Superintendent District No. 1.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT, DISTRICT No. 1

Edmonton, Alberta, February 25th, 1929.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

In accordance with instructions received from the Grand First Principal, I proceeded to Jasper on February 21st and instituted David Thompson Chapter, U.D.

The Chapter was instituted at 10:30 a.m., following which we opened in the Mark Master Mason degree, and with one of their companions as a candidate exemplified the Work, closing at 12:30. At 3:00 o'clock p.m. we opened in the Most Excellent Master Degree and exemplified the Work. On the completion of the Most Excellent Master degree we opened Chapter, and exemplified the Royal Arch degree.

There are some noticeable things regarding the conditions surrounding this Chapter:

- (1) It has a lovely home in the mountains.
- (2) It has a beautiful temple in which to meet.
- (3) The furniture and regalia are new and second to none.
- (4) Last, but not least, the Chapter starts out with a competent set of officers, two of whom are Past Principals, and success in the future would seem to be assured.

A pleasant and profitable time was spent both by the ten companions who accompanied me the 230 miles from Edmonton, and by the companions of Jasper.

Fraternally submitted,

ROY M. LAMBERTSON,
Grand Superintendent District No. 1.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 1 FOR THE YEAR 1928

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets Cash or Securities	Assets Property, Regalia, etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount Granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From		
North Star.....	2	Edmonton.....	10	0	34	\$1.00	199	1	0	3	0	6	3	3	3	194	2	Nil	\$1,090.95	\$576.00	\$200.00	\$600.00	—	—	good	C	
Mount Horeb..	6	Wetaskiwin.....	7	0	13	\$3.00	77	0	0	1	7	0	0	0	0	69	12	Nil	593.59	\$600.00	\$125.00	\$480.00	—	—	fair	3	
Capital City...13		Edmonton.....	9	7	30	{ \$5.00 } { \$3.00 }	225	0	1	4	5	1	6	7	7	222	20	Nil	1,715.29	660.00	100.00	700.00	120.15	120.15	good	C	
Vermilion.....14		Vermilion.....	12	0	16	\$5.00	78	1	0	1	1	1	4	4	6	80	19	Nil	426.50	450.00	290.00	300.00	—	—	good	4	
Mount Olivet..17		Killam.....	8	1	14	\$5.00	81	3	0	2	1	2	2	2	2	81	45	Nil	235.00	500.00	987.00	500.00	—	—	fair	10	
Norwood.....18		Edmonton.....	10	6	16	{ \$5.00 } { \$3.00 }	95	1	1	4	2	1	2	2	2	92	35	Nil		600.00	246.00	600.00	600.00	—	—	good	C
Strathcona....25		Edmonton	10	3	20	\$5.00	61	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	64	20	Nil	57.00	1000.00	155.00	1,000.00	—	—	fair	C	

"C"—Concurrent Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT No. 2

Coronation, Alberta, March 1st, 1929.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.
Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I beg respectfully to submit for your approval my report as Grand Superintendent of District No. 2.

Eheye Chapter, No. 27. June 1st, I visited this Chapter accompanied by R. E. Companion Robert Taylor and witnessed the new work in the Royal Arch Degree. Although the new ritual had been received by this Chapter only three days previously it was put on without any hesitation or mixing with the old. I cannot speak too highly of this Chapter and I trust other Chapters will eventually take the same interest in the work.

Hanna Chapter, No. 28. This Chapter was consecrated and dedicated on June 4th, and the District Meeting was held on the same day. A splendid dinner was provided by the ladies of the Eastern Star after which we listened to an excellent address by the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, F. S. Selwood.

At 8 p.m. the Chapter of Instruction was opened and after the Grand Chapter officers had been received the Royal Arch Degree was exemplified by E. Companion Cameron and his officers of Eheye Chapter. R. E. Companion Flan stated that he was pleased to see the new work done so well and any remarks from him would be more of a constructive nature than of criticism. Afterwards we had another inspiring address from the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal.

I wish to thank R. E. Companion Flan for his invaluable assistance in making this a real Chapter of Instruction. I am greatly indebted to Hanna and Eheye Chapters for their wholehearted co-operation and support, also Companions Fleming and Cougal, without which our meeting could not have been successful.

On October 22nd I made another visit to Hanna Chapter and witnessed the Mark Master Mason and the Most Excellent Master Degrees by E. Companion Sowden and E. Companion Odell. These were conferred exceedingly well and, although a new Chapter, they are to be congratulated on having such an efficient staff of officers.

Hiram Chapter, Youngstown. On July 9th, again accompanied by R. E. Companion Taylor, I visited this Chapter. This is one of the oldest Chapters, but it has suffered heavily in membership through removals. The companions all take a great interest in the work and are seeking to have greater attendance by altering their meeting dates.

I congratulate them on their interest in Capitular Masonry. They are very fortunate in having Companion J. E. McLeod as Scribe.

Coronation Chapter, No. 23. In July I paid an official visit to my own Chapter. This Chapter is indeed fortunate in having R. E. Companions Locke and Taylor as members. They are away to a good start for 1929 with E. Companion Webb as First Principal, E. Companion Hetherington as Second and E. Companion Cuthbert as Third. Coronation Chapter will take on a new lease of life as they all take great pride in having the work done properly.

In conclusion, I wish to thank R. E. Companions Locke and Taylor for their assistance, and also the officers and members of the Chapters of District No. 2 for their cordial hospitality during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

CUTHBERT FOWLER,

Grand Superintendent District No. 2.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 2 FOR THE YEAR 1928

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets	Cash or Securities	Assets	Property, Regalia, etc	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From
Hiram.....	19	Youngtown	3	1	13	\$4.00	68	0	0	7	1	1	2	3	3	61	29	Nil	\$2,520.15	\$400.00	\$320.50	\$300.00	—	—	fair	3	
Coronation....	23	Coronation	7	0	15	\$6.00	61	1	0	2	0	0	7	7	6	67	38	Nil	848.15	500.00	555.85	450.00	—	—	fair	3	
Eheych.....	27	Drumheller.....	10	5	22	\$5.00	65	3	0	3	0	0	4	4	7	69	6	370.00	175.00	700.00	160.00	700.00	—	—	good	5	
Hanna.....	28	Hanna.....	9	4	18	\$10.00	32	0	0	0	0	0	8	8	8	40	13	200.00	200.00	500.00	170.00	500.00	—	—	good	3	

DISTRICT No. 3

Calgary, Alberta, March 1st, 1929.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

It gives me pleasure to submit for your approval my report as
Grand Superintendent of District No. 3.

Calgary Chapter, No. 11. This being the Chapter to which I belong, I have had the pleasure of attending most of their Convocations. On December 12th I witnessed the Most Excellent Master Degree conferred by E. Companion Thomas B. Donald in a most creditable manner. On December 26th I visited this Chapter officially, accompanied by M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, R. E. Companions Black and Wentzel and R. E. Companion Orlando G. Craig, Grand Superintendent of District No. 4, and a number of other Grand Chapter officers. This being Past Principals night, the Royal Arch Degree was conferred by the Past Principals in the usual efficient manner of this Chapter. R. E. Companion Black was in the First Principal's chair. Everything about Calgary Chapter seems to be in a prosperous condition. The books are in good order, the officers and companions energetic and efficient, and I feel confident that this is one of the most successful Chapters in District No. 3—or, I might say, in the Province of Alberta.

Crescent Chapter, No. 24. I had the pleasure of paying several visits to Crescent Chapter, No. 24. On December 13th I witnessed the Royal Arch Degree conferred in the new work, with E. Companion Verge in the First Principal's chair, and I might say that this degree was conferred in a manner seldom seen as to solemnity and efficiency. On January 17th I visited this Chapter officially, accompanied by M. E. Companion Ironside and R. E. Companions MacPherson, Black and Flan, and quite a number of other Grand Chapter officers, and installed their officers, assisted by R. E. Companions Black, MacPherson and Rankin and E. Companion Rounce. I looked over their books and found this Chapter to be in a very flourishing condition. On the whole I wish to report this Chapter "Excellent."

On January 22nd I visited Keystone Chapter, No. 12, accompanied by R. E. Companion Black, and installed their officers. I have to say that I did not find Keystone Chapter quite as enthusiastic as they might be, but there are a few good staunch officers and companions under the guidance of R. E. Companion George Best as First Principal, and, with these. I feel sure that Keystone Chapter could be one of the banner Chapters of this Jurisdiction. The night of my visit was one of small attendance, owing to sickness and other societies meeting on that same night. I feel this condition can be summed up in a few words—that there are more societies in the city of Red Deer than can be faithfully attended by their members, therefore all must suffer to a greater or less degree. The companions of this Chapter are resident to a great extent in outside points, and at certain seasons of the year it is a hardship for them to attend. However, I feel that they will fully justify the confidence of this Grand Chapter by their efforts.

I made my official visit to Joseph Stauffer Chapter, No. 22, on January 30th, accompanied by R. E. Companion Black and E. Companion Thomas Thompson. The Chapter was opened, business con-

ducted, and closed in the Royal Arch Degree. Then a lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened and the degree conferred by E. Companion Knight. Perfect is the word, referring to the work of this degree by all the officers. I found the books in perfect order, and each and every officer thoroughly instructed and conversant with their several duties, and I can report Joseph Stauffer Chapter to be in excellent condition. I wish to thank E. Companion McDougal, Scribe E. of this Chapter, for the courteous and prompt execution of his duties.

On February 21st I visited Banff Chapter, No. 20, and witnessed their opening, closing and conducting of business. A lodge of Mark Master Masons was opened and the degree conferred. Everything was perfect and business-like. I found their books in perfect order, and can say that this Chapter is on a solid foundation, and probably in better financial circumstances than any other Chapter in District No. 3. I can report the Chapter in excellent condition, and congratulate them on their prospects for the coming year.

In regard to Golden West Chapter, No. 5, I have an apology to make. I gave them notice of my intended visit for their meeting of February 26th, but owing to the circumstance of being in an out-of-the-way place I was unable to either attend, wire or telephone. However, I got in touch with R. E. Companion Black, and he was only too pleased, in the interests of Capitular Masonry, to take care of my duties and make the visit for me. I know that it was just as beneficial or even more so than if I had made it myself, for he has been well over the road and is better learned in Masonry than I am. I wish to thank R. E. Companion Black for this and many other instances of his co-operation, help and courteous assistance. In this case he assures me that Golden West Chapter is in a flourishing condition, which I feel sure is the case.

Most Excellent Sir, it would take too long were I to try to describe the many courtesies I received. In all cases, myself and those accompanying me received a royal welcome, our stay was made pleasant and many a happy hour was spent.

In very few instances has there been need of more than words of counsel and well wishes. The old question of non-attendance seems to be the most important in this district. But the problem must remain for someone more capable than I to solve.

I wish to thank every Chapter in my district for the courteous manner in which any suggestions made by me were received, and the Scribes E of the several Chapters for the prompt issuing of their notices.

To my successor I wish every success. May he succeed where I have failed. My daily avocation being in extremely isolated places during a part of last year made it hard for me to do all that I had wished. But it will always be my aim to assist whom I can and to continue to take an active interest in Capitular Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

DAVID J. GARNES,
Grand Superintendent District No. 3.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 3 FOR THE YEAR 1928.

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets	Cash or Securities	Assets	Property, Regalia, etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From
Golden West...	5	High River.....	10	0	12	{ \$3.00 } { \$5.00 }	133	0	0	3	18	2	2	2	2	2	112	30	\$190.76	\$1,052.07	\$388.00	\$182.00	\$500.00	—	—	good	5
Calgary.....	11	Calgary.....	10	4	29	{ \$4.00 } { \$5.00 }	103	1	1	2	4	1	10	9	9	108	33	77.00	453.48	443.46	129.30	600.00	—	—	fair	C	
Keystone.....	12	Red Deer.....	9	0	13	{ \$4.00 } { \$5.00 }	135	0	0	2	0	3	2	2	2	132	36	118.00	1,618.31	317.22	213.00	800.00	—	—	fair	8	
Banff.....	20	Banff.....	10	0	18	\$5.00	67	0	0	1	0	0	4	5	5	70	8	Nil	1,438.13	500.00	76.25	250.00	—	—	good	1	
Joseph Stauffer	22	Didsbury.....	8	0	14	\$5.00	62	0	0	2	2	0	3	3	3	61	20	Nil	427.73	700.00	125.00	500.00	—	—	good	8	
Crescent.....	24	Calgary.....	10	1	29	\$4.00	109	0	0	4	4	1	4	4	4	104	10	Nil	700.00	800.00	72.00	750.00	—	—	fair	C	

"C"—Concurrent Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT No. 4

Cheadle, Alberta, March 12th, 1929.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

It gives me much pleasure to submit my report in connection with the various Chapters in District No. 4.

I have visited all the Chapters on several occasions during my year of office as Grand Superintendent, and am pleased to convey to you that I found a very healthy condition, satisfactory progress being made, the degrees exemplified in an excellent manner, books of the Scribes E in good order, and splendid harmony prevailing. My thanks are due to the officers, and particularly the Scribes E, of the various Chapters for their assistance and co-operation.

Before giving details of my visits I would first refer to the Chapters of Instruction.

During the year two Chapters of Instruction were held. The first was convened at Strathmore, on June 27th, 1928, with an attendance of about sixty companions from the five Chapters of the District. M. E. Companion F. S. Selwood had signified his intention to be present, but, owing to an unfortunate accident, was unable to do so. However, R. E. Companion J. R. Flan, Grand Second Principal, was present and gave valuable assistance as Acting Grand Lecturer, explaining very clearly the various points raised by the companions respecting the "work" and the Constitution. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred in an able manner upon two candidates by the officers of Strathmore Chapter.

The second Chapter of Instruction was held in the Masonic Temple, Calgary, on February 11th, 1929, being held jointly by Districts Nos. 3 and 4, by R. E. Companion D. J. Garnes and myself. The Most Excellent Master Degree was conferred upon Brother McIntosh of Bow Valley Chapter by R. E. Companion J. R. Flan, assisted by R. E. Companion T. Rankine and the officers of Otuskwam Chapter, No. 9. The meeting was then thrown open for discussion and questions regarding work and Constitution, which were replied to by R. E. Companion Flan and R. E. Companion MacPherson, Grand Lecturer. Later in the evening an enjoyable time was spent in the banquet room with speech and song, and instrumental selections by the Masonic orchestra.

This was the regular meeting night of Alberta Chapter, No. 1, and my thanks are due to E. Companion McCracken and members of that Chapter for so arranging their business that little delay took place in opening the Chapter of Instruction. I also desire to thank the officers and members of the various Chapters, as well as the Grand Chapter officers, for their assistance in making this Chapter of Instruction so successful.

Below I give information regarding my visits (some twenty-two) to the different Chapters in the District.

Alberta Chapter No. 1.—I visited this Chapter on May 14th, 1928, and was cordially received with the usual honors. The attendance was very good and included a number of visitors from Calgary Chapter, No. 11, and Crescent Chapter, No. 24. The Holy Royal Arch Degree

was conferred upon three candidates, the ceremony being done in an impressive manner. Such visits as took place on this occasion show in a marked degree the benefit resulting from inter-Chapter gatherings.

I officially visited this Chapter on September 10th, 1928. The Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred upon a candidate by E. Companion Portman, assisted by the other officers of the Chapter. M. E. Companions Selwood and Middleton and E. E. Companion M. B. Peacock each addressed the brethren upon matters of interest to the Royal Craft, and the evening was so well spent that it will long be a cherished memory to every one who was present.

I again officially visited Alberta Chapter on November 26th, 1928, that being "Old Timers" and "Past Principals" night. The Holy Royal Arch Degree was exemplified in a dignified manner by V. E. Companion C. H. Minchin as First Principal; R. E. Companion F. B. Cooper, as Second Principal; V. E. Companion Milne as Third Principal; and E. Companion Wright as Principal Sojourner. This was also the occasion of the official visit of M. E. Companion Selwood, Grand First Principal, who gave an interesting address and much good advice regarding Capitular Masonry, its privileges and the responsibilities of its members.

On December 10th, 1928, I made a fraternal but unofficial visit, this being the date for election of officers for the ensuing year, and although the attendance was not as numerous as it should have been, the meeting was none the less of great interest, and I have no doubt that a wise selection of companions was made to guide the workings of the Chapter during the year 1929.

Otuskwā Chapter No. 9.—On May 3rd, 1928, I visited Otuskwā Chapter, No. 9, at their regular Convocation, and received a very cordial reception and had the pleasure of witnessing the Mark Master Mason Degree exemplified in a very efficient manner by E. Companion James Cottam, and the officers of the Chapter.

I made two fraternal visits on October 4th and 18th, 1928. On the first mentioned date the Mark Master Mason Degree was exemplified by E. Companion J. Cottam in an able manner, and on the second occasion the Most Excellent Master Degree was conducted by R. E. Companion J. R. Fian according to the revised "work," and it was apparent to all present that this degree is now much more beautiful and impressive.

My official visit was made on November 15th, 1928, when the Holy Royal Arch Degree was worked by Past Principals of the Chapter. The revised "work" was used in exemplifying the degree, and it was the general opinion that its present form is more conducive to dignity and impressiveness. The meeting was favored by the presence of M. E. Companion Selwood, Grand First Principal, and M. E. Companion Middleton, Past Grand First Principal, both of whom made short addresses. E. Companion Pinkerton, with several companions of Strathmore Chapter and E. Companion Cameron of Eheyeh Chapter, Drumheller, also visited the Chapter on this occasion.

Bow Valley Chapter No. 10.—On April 10th, 1928, I visited Bow Valley Chapter, accompanied by E. Companions Pinkerton and Watson, and Companion McKinnon, of Strathmore Chapter, No. 21. This was a fraternal visit by Harmony Chapter, No. 26, and Strathmore, No. 21, but owing to bad weather and poor road conditions the attendance was very small. This meeting was conducted very satisfactorily and a very enjoyable evening was spent. After the Chapter was closed the companions adjourned to the banquet hall, and the officers

and members of Gleichen Craft Lodge were welcomed as guests of the companions.

My official visit was on November 13th, 1928, when I had the pleasure of being accompanied by several companions of Strathmore Chapter, and a considerable number of visiting companions from Harmony Chapter, Bassano, were present. M. E. Companion Selwood, had also arranged to make an official visit on this date and he delivered an instructive address on the ideals and ceremonies of the Royal Craft and the various lessons that could be learned by careful attention to and following out of the principles of Capitular Masonry.

On January 8th, 1929, I made my last visit, being accompanied by R. E. Companion J. R. Flan and E. Companion Pinkerton. This being the date for installation of the new officers, R. E. Companion Flan was requested to take charge of the Chapter, to which he kindly consented, and carried out the ceremony of installation in his usual efficient manner.

This Chapter shows signs of renewed interest in Capitular Masonry and three applications for exaltation were presented at this meeting.

Strathmore Chapter, No. 21.—On May 10th, 1928, I visited Strathmore Chapter and witnessed the Most Excellent Master Degree conferred by E. Companion Pinkerton and his officers in a very satisfactory manner.

On May 28th, 1928, I again attended Strathmore Chapter and had the pleasure of assisting E. Companion Pinkerton in conferring the Most Excellent Master Degree on a candidate. There were quite a large number of members present, greater interest was taken in the work and an all-round improvement was very noticeable.

I also visited this Chapter on August 9th, 1928, when the Mark Master Mason Degree was conferred upon five candidates, and also the meeting on December 13th, 1928, when the election of officers was held.

On January 10th, 1929, I made another visit, being accompanied by M. E. Companion Selwood, R. E. Companions J. R. Flan, D. J. Garnes and H. W. B. Bell, and E. Companion T. Valentine, of Otuskwaw Chapter, No. 9. A considerable number of visitors from Calgary and other towns were present. The installation ceremony was conducted by R. E. Companion Flan with the assistance of the above-mentioned Companions, and the work was done in a very impressive manner. Short addresses were given by M. E. Companion Selwood and other distinguished visiting companions, which were received with much interest and appreciation by the companions present.

Harmony Chapter, No. 26.—On Wednesday, May 16th, 1928, I paid an official visit to Harmony Chapter, accompanied by Companion McKinnon, of Strathmore Chapter, No. 21.

This was a regular Convocation and was noteworthy as being the first Chapter meeting to be held in the new Masonic Hall. No degrees were conferred, but upon conclusion of the regular business, I had an opportunity of making a short address upon Royal Arch Masonry and to congratulate the companions upon having such suitable premises for their meetings. After the Chapter had been closed, an enjoyable time was spent in the banquet room, but there was a note of regret as well as of pleasure as it was the occasion of bidding farewell to E. Companion Wright upon his removal to Lethbridge as second in command of the Alberta Provincial Police.

Accompanied by R. E. Companion A. Carr, I fraternally visited this Chapter on November 21st, 1928, and had the pleasure of installing R. E. Companion George Travis as Grand Registrar.

On January 23rd, 1929, I made an official visit, this being the date for installation of officers. The ceremony was performed by R. E. Companion Flan in a pleasing manner, assisted by E. Companion Donaldson. R. E. Companion Flan made a short address to the new officers in which he impressed upon them the necessity of regular attendance and the importance of the duties devolving upon each one. I also gave an address along similar lines and stated that I hoped the Chapter would continue the good work which had already begun and that their efforts would be successful.

On December 26th, 1928, on the invitation of R. E. Companion D. J. Garnes, Grand Superintendent of District No. 3, I accompanied him on his official visit to Calgary Chapter, No. 11. This was their "Past Principals' Night," and the Holy Royal Arch Degree was conferred upon five candidates by R. E. Companion W. C. Black, assisted by M. E. Companion Ironside, R. E. Companion Wentzel, V. E. Companion MacPherson and E. Companions Harris and Montgomery. The work was conferred in an almost perfect manner and was greatly appreciated by all the companions. This was a well attended meeting, and Calgary Chapter, No. 11, is to be congratulated upon holding so successful a gathering.

Joint Installation.—On January 3rd, 1929, a joint meeting for the Installation of Officers was held in the Masonic Temple, Calgary, by Otuskwan Chapter, No. 9, and Calgary Chapter, No. 11, and a large number of Grand Chapter Officers were present, including M.E. Companions F. S. Selwood, Grand First Principal, and E. G. Ironside, Past Grand First Principal; R. E. Companions J. R. Flan, Grand Second Principal; W. C. Black, Grand Treasurer; C. A. MacPherson, Grand Lecturer; C. R. Wentzel, Grand Scribe E., and D. J. Garnes, Grand Superintendent District No. 3. There was also a goodly number of companions present from Sister Chapters. The ceremony of installation was conducted in a pleasing manner by R. E. Companion Flan, assisted by R. E. Companion Black, V. E. Companion Comba and E. Companion Harris.

After the meeting had been closed, all present repaired to the banquet room, where refreshments were served. R. E. Companion Andrew Davison presided in his usual brilliant manner, and addresses were made by several of the distinguished companions. The Masonic Orchestra was present and rendered several musical numbers, which were much appreciated. The members of Otuskwan and Calgary Chapters are to be congratulated upon this successful and pleasing meeting, both within and without the Chapter Room.

In conclusion, I desire to thank the companions for electing me to my present high office and to assure them that their good will and assistance have been greatly appreciated by me and I trust have enabled me to be of some help to the Chapters during my year of office.

Respectfully submitted,

ORLANDO G. CRAIG,
Grand Superintendent District No. 4.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 4 FOR THE YEAR 1928.

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets	Cash or Securities	Assets Property, Regalia, etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From
Alberta.....	1	Calgary.....	11	5	34	\$4.00	311	1	3	13	0	2	10	9	8	310	82	427.50	\$2,253.00	\$693.50	\$534.25	\$750.00	\$282.75	good	C	
Otuskwan.....	9	Calgary.....	10	4	34	\$5.00	156	2	0	2	3	2	6	6	6	157	3	167.00	1,285.39	644.82	121.00	900.00	—	good	C	
Bow Valley.....	10	Gleichen.....	9	0	11	\$4.00	56	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	54	26	Nil	398.00	450.00	462.00	300.00	—	good	3	
Strathmore.....	21	Strathmore	9	2	14	\$6.00	48	3	0	0	0	1	7	7	7	57	23	Nil	150.00	600.00	Nil	600.00	—	good	1	
Harmony	26	Bassano.....	10	0	19	\$6.00	77	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	2	80	3	Nil	1,122.54	601.81	78.00	1,000.00	—	good	3	

"C"—Concurrent Jurisdiction.

DISTRICT No. 5

Pincher Creek, Alberta, March 1st, 1929.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

I have the honor to submit for your consideration a report of my activities as Superintendent of District No. 5.

During my term of office I have made two official visits to each of the six Chapters in my district, with the exception of my own Chapter, Kether, which was visited once but whose regular Convocations I attended throughout the year. The first of these visits was made during the summer and fall, when the officers had ample time to perfect themselves in the work, and the second was made at or after the installation of the officers for the new year. Although I did not witness the conferring of degrees at all Chapters I was well satisfied with the manner in which the officers handled any work coming before the Chapter, and I was particularly well pleased at the manner in which the newly installed officers assumed their duties.

Assiniboia, No. 3.—My first visit to Assiniboia Chapter was at their regular October convocation, which has been for several years celebrated by a Duck Supper. There was no work before the Chapter, but a very pleasant social evening was spent, and I believe their custom is stimulating to the Chapter and might well be copied by others. I again visited them in February, when we were unexpectedly honored with the company of M. E. Companion Coote, who gave us a splendid address. I did not see any degree work at either visit but their routine is excellently conducted.

Shekinah, No. 4.—I visited Shekinah Chapter in September, and had the pleasure of investing V. E. Companion Percy Cull with the Regalia of Grand Steward. My second visit was in February when I saw the Mark Master Mason Degree conferred by the newly installed officers in excellent manner.

Bekah, No. 7.—I visited Bekah Chapter in June, when they conferred the Royal Arch Degree, and again in January, when I installed their officers. In point of prosperity Bekah is the outstanding Chapter in this district. After several years of difficulty they have become very active, with an increase of membership, a remodelled hall and a fine slate of officers for this year.

Kether, No. 8.—In January I installed the officers of Kether Chapter and witnessed during the year all three degrees conferred very ably.

Hillvue, No. 15.—In June I saw the Most Excellent Master Degree conferred by Hillvue Chapter and in January I installed their officers and saw the Royal Arch Degree conferred by the new officers. On both occasions the work was worthy of special mention.

Tau Cross, No. 13.—Tau Cross Chapter was visited in November and February and as there was only routine business at both meetings we made the most of the evening socially. This Chapter is having a severe struggle, but there is splendid material here and I have great hopes for prosperity in the future.

District Chapter of Instruction.—Our District Chapter of Instruction was held in the Hall of Bekah, Macleod, on October 24th,

and was voted the best ever held in the District. Our success was largely due to the hearty support of past and present Grand Officers, having with us M. E. Companions Selwood, Patterson, Middleton and Ironside and R. E. Companions Flan, Wentzel and MacPherson. Every Chapter in the district was well represented. The Royal Arch Degree was conferred by companions from Hillvue. After the banquet we were addressed by M. E. Companions Selwood, Middleton and Ironside and R. E. Companions Flan and Haslam, of Tau Cross.

On the whole I am well satisfied with the condition of District No. 5, though we have, like all others, the complaint of lack of attendance. This drawback I think can be overcome by the introduction of interests other than routine work and degrees. This work becomes monotonous not only to younger members but to those who have passed through the chairs, and it should be supplemented by newer and equally instructive work.

I have to thank the companions of this District for the honor they have conferred on me this year and for the hearty reception and co-operation tendered me on all my visits.

Yours fraternally,

THOMAS J. CUMBERLAND,
Grand Superintendent District No. 5.

On motion of V. E. Companion George L. Gothard, seconded by R. E. Companion William C. Black, it was

RESOLVED, That the Reports of the Grand Superintendents be received and referred to the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry.

ITEMIZED STATEMENT OF CHAPTER RETURNS AND PROCEEDINGS IN DISTRICT NO. 5 FOR THE YEAR 1928.

Chapter	Number	Location	No. of Regular Meetings	No. of Emergent Meetings	Average Attendance	Annual Dues per Member	No. Members last Return	No. of Affiliations	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	M.M.M. Degrees Conferred	M.E.M. Degrees Conferred	R.A. Degrees Conferred	Present Membership	No. of Members 12 months in Arrears	Liabilities	Assets	Cash or Securities	Assets	Property, Regalia, etc.	Dues Outstanding	Amount of Insurance	Amount granted to Benevolence	Prospects	No. of Lodges to Draw From
Assiniboia.....	3	Medicine Hat...	10	0	24	\$5.00	170	0	1	4	1	3	3	1	2	166	48	Nil	\$2,900.00	\$308.81	\$260.00	\$800.00	\$ 50.00	good	6		
Shekinah.....	4	Lethbridge.....	10	0	23	\$5.00	158	3	2	7	0	2	2	1	1	156	20	Nil	922.69	547.41	360.00	612.00	18.00	good	11		
Bekah.....	7	Macleod.....	10	1	17	\$5.00	46	0	0	0	1	0	8	9	10	53	23	Nil	162.47	600.00	247.00	500.00	—	good	3		
Kether.....	8	Pincher Creek...	11	0	18	\$5.00	55	0	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	52	7	Nil	653.95	450.00	90.00	300.00	15.00	fair	2		
Hillvue.....	15	Hillcrest.....	0	0	0	—	52	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	53	0	Nil									
Tau Cross.....	16	Clareholm	6	0	12	\$4.20	44	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	45	11	Nil	135.00	400.00	85.00	—	—		3		

Grand Scribe E's Report

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principial and Companions
of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:

In presenting this report to Grand Chapter, I wish to express my appreciation to the Scribe E's of the several chapters for their co-operation in making their returns a little earlier than formerly, although I hope for further improvement in the future. For when the returns of the Masonic year which ends on the 31st of December are not received until the first of March or even later, it entails an unnecessary amount of work in the office of the Grand Scribe E., to prepare his reports and have them in the printers' hands one week before the date of the Annual Convocation.

I wish to congratulate the Superintendents of the year for their promptness in making reports of their various activities, which sets a very good example for future encumbents of the office.

I desire to draw to the attention of the chapters, that progress is being made in arranging for the loaning of carefully selected books from the library to the chapters of this jurisdiction.

STATEMENT OF MEMBERSHIP

Number of Regular Chapters.....	28
Number of Members, December 31st, 1927.....	2,824

Additions

Admissions to December 31st, 1928.....	106
Affiliations to December 31st, 1928.....	23
Restorations to December 31st, 1928.....	10
	<u>139</u>

Deductions

Resignations to December 31st, 1928.....	70
Suspensions for Non-Payment of Dues.....	53
Deaths to December 31st, 1928.....	31
	<u>154</u>
Net Decrease for year 1928.....	15
Number on Roll December 31st, 1928.....	<u>2,809</u>

Cash Statements**CAPITAL BENEVOLENT FUND**

Balance of cash in bank February 28th, 1928.....	\$1,515.85	
Collections for 1928-29.....	718.00	
Benevolence paid (Taxes).....	\$ 148.27	
Bonds purchased.....	900.00	
Surplus to General Bank Account.....	1,185.58	
	<u>\$2,233.85</u>	<u>\$2,233.85</u>

GENERAL FUND

Received from Chapters 1928-29.....	\$3,903.44	
Interest on Savings Certificates.....	131.18	
Refund on Grand Convocation Expense.....	6.90	
Paid to Grand Treasurer (See Treasurers' Statement).....	\$4,041.52	
	<u>\$4,041.52</u>	<u>\$4,041.52</u>

LEDGER BALANCES

Amounts due from Chapters Feb. 28th, 1928.....	\$ 350.75
Credits to Chapters, Feb. 28th, 1928.....	47.29
	\$ 303.46

ITEMIZED REVENUE FROM SALES TO CHAPTERS

Registrations and R. A. Certificates	\$ 327.00
Registering of Joinings.....	23.00
Certificates, P.Z.'s and others.....	6.00
Dispensations, General.....	32.00
Dispensation, New Chapter.....	35.00
Charter Fee.....	15.00
Work (Loan Rental).....	284.50
Work (Sale of Books)	24.90
Constitutions.....	35.50
By-laws.....	4.00
Padded Books.....	8.00
Bound Books	44.40
Loose Forms.....	19.28
Regalia, Paraphernalia, etc.....	852.50
Jewels.....	215.66
Life Membership	40.00
Receipts for Dues (Cards).....	42.50
Installation Ceremonies.....	3.00
Cuts.....	2.00
Annual Dues per capita.....	1,436.00
Annual Dues Cap. Ben. Fund.....	718.00
	\$4,168.24

	\$4,471.70
Amount received from Chapters (See Cash Statement).....	3,903.44
	\$ 568.26

AM'TS DUE FROM CHAPTERS FEB. 28, 1929

Golden West, No. 5.....	\$ 2.65
Mount Horeb, No. 6.....	10.33
Bekah, No. 7.....	5.85
Keystone, No. 12.....	7.35
Hillvue, No. 15.....	44.00
Tau Cross, No. 16.....	3.00
Mount Olivet, No. 17.....	70.55
Norwood, No. 18.....	11.50
Hiram, No. 19.....	1.65
Strathmore, No. 21.....	23.25
Crescent, No. 24.....	16.49
Strathcona, No. 25.....	21.80
Harmony, No. 26.....	5.95
Hanna, No. 28.....	114.15
David Thompson, U.D.....	282.59
	\$ 621.11

LESS CREDITS TO CHAPTERS FEB. 28, 1929

North Star, No. 2.....	\$ 1.65
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	18.75
Kether, No. 8.....	.50
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	1.58
Bow Valley, No. 10.....	.60
Capital City, No. 13.....	2.85
Vermilion, No. 14.....	22.10
Coronation, No. 23.....	3.92
Eheyeh, No. 27.....	.90
	\$ 52.85
	\$ 568.26

ITEMIZED STATEMENTS OF DISBURSEMENTS

Grand Officers' Expenses—

Grand Superintendents for 1927-28.....	\$ 100.00	
Grand Lecturer, 1928-29.....	45.65	
Grand First Principal, 1928-29.....	344.97	
		\$ 490.62

Grand Chapter Convocation Expense, 1928—

Printing preliminary reports, Grand Z. & S.E..	54.08	
Printing Banquet Menus, Tickets & Program.	41.98	
Printing List of Officers for 1928-29.....	10.56	
Express on Regalia from Edmonton.....	2.95	
Donation to Edmonton Lodge.....	10.00	
Janitor, J. L. Johnstone.....	10.00	
Charwoman.....	10.00	
		\$ 139.57

Printing and Stationery for resale—

Work.....	337.81	
Bound Books.....	51.44	
Loose Forms.....	36.82	
Receipts for Dues Cards.....	51.50	
		477.57

Regalia and Paraphernalia for resale—

Royal Arch Suits.....	535.00	
Other Paraphernalia.....	242.70	
R. A. and P. Z. Jewels.....	176.37	
		954.07
Grand Scribe E. Salary.....		600.00
Rent of Safety Deposit Box.....		5.30
Premium on Bonds.....		3.00
Grand Chapter Proceedings, including postage.....		419.65
Stationery and Printing (office use).....		49.96
Postage.....		46.62
Telegrams and Telephones.....		9.16
Flowers.....		50.75
Engrossing Certificates.....		17.50
Office Expense.....		15.11
Office Furniture and Equipment.....		70.15

Sundries—

Taxes of Companion.....	\$ 148.27	
Jewel for Past Principal.....	50.00	
Christmas Cards.....	14.94	
Cigars.....	9.25	
Proof-reading.....	12.00	
Cuts and Photography.....	10.95	
Cartage, Appraisal, Re-Polishing.....	13.00	
		258.41
Sundry.....		3.10
Province of Alberta Savings Certificates.....		900.00
Library.....		61.17
See Grand Treasurer's Statement.....		\$4,571.71

INVENTORY

Grand Officers' Regalia, less depreciation.....	\$ 900.92
Office Furniture, Books, etc., less depreciation.....	336.97
Certificate Stone and Cuts.....	88.80
Office Stationery.....	126.96
Library.....	61.17

For resale—

Bound Books.....	\$ 300.92
Padded Books.....	165.40
Regalia and Paraphernalia.....	281.54
Loose Forms.....	51.36
Blank Certificates.....	22.27
Copies of Work.....	95.18
	916.67
	\$2,431.49

REVENUE ACCOUNT

For twelve months ended February 28th, 1929

By Annual Per Capita dues.....	\$1,436.00
Registrations and Royal Arch Certificates.....	327.00
Registration of Joinings.....	23.00
Certificates for Past Principals and others.....	6.00
Dispensations.....	32.00
Dispensation for new chapter.....	35.00
Charter fee.....	15.00
Life Memberships.....	40.00
Interest on Savings Certificates, accrued 1929..	\$ 22.00
Interest received during period.....	131.18
	153.18
Interest set up as accrued 1927-8.....	16.00
	137.18

Supplies sold:

Loan Rental on Work.....	284.50
Sale of old books.....	24.90
Constitutions.....	35.50
By-laws.....	4.00
Padded books.....	8.00
Bound books.....	44.40
Loose forms.....	19.28
Regalia and paraphernalia.....	852.50
Jewels.....	215.66
Receipt for dues cards.....	42.50
Installation Ceremonies.....	3.00
Cuts.....	2.00
	1,536.24
Carried forward.....	\$3,587.24

Brought forward.....\$3,587.42

To cost of supplies sold:

Inventory February 28th, 1928.....	\$ 816.09	
Purchases 1928-9.....	1,431.64	
	<u>\$2,247.73</u>	
Less inventory Feb. 28th, 1929.....	916.67	
Net cost supplies sold.....		\$1,331.06
Grand Chapter Convocation expense.....	139.57	
Less refund Edmonton Printing & Publishing Co.....	6.90	
	<u>132.67</u>	
Grand Officers' Travelling Expense.....	490.62	
Proceedings, including postage.....	419.65	
Grand Scribe E's salary.....	600.00	
Safety Deposit Box.....	5.30	
Premium on Bonds.....	3.00	
Telegrams and Telephone.....	9.16	
Postage.....	46.62	
Flowers.....	50.75	
Engrossing Certificates, etc.....	17.50	
Office Expense.....	15.11	
Printing:		
Inventory Feb. 28, 1928.....	\$ 119.91	
Purchases, 1928-9.....	49.96	
	<u>\$ 169.87</u>	
Less Inventory Feb. 28, 1929 ..	126.96	
	<u>42.91</u>	
Sundry:		
Grand First Prin. Jewel.....	50.00	
Christmas Cards.....	14.94	
Christmas cigars.....	9.25	
Proof-reading.....	12.00	
Photography and cuts.....	10.95	
Cartage, appraisal, re-polishing.....	13.00	
Sundry.....	3.10	
	<u>113.24</u>	
Depreciation:		
Office Furniture, etc.....	23.81	
Regalia of Grand Officers.....	68.40	
Stones and Cuts etc.....	14.80	
	<u>107.01</u>	
		<u>3,384.60</u>
Net increase for year.....		<u>\$ 202.82</u>

RESTORED TO MEMBERSHIP

Alberta, No. 1.....	William Collett, William Scott, Walter H. Brailey.
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	Roy S. Beatty
Shekinah, No. 4.....	Clyod B. Bender, William Christison.
Calgary, No. 11.....	Lewellyn Roberts.
Capital City, No. 13.....	James Joseph Clarke.
Norwood, No. 18.....	Frank R. Harvey.
Harmony, No. 26.....	Robert H. Struthers.

WITHDRAWALS

Alberta, No. 1.....	M. S. Burger, P. D. McTavish, D. U. McTavish, John Rich, L. B. Cravath, E. F. Gardener, M. S. McLeod, F. S. Buchan, H. Vandenhoogan, Ronald Wood, G. H. Brenand, J. B. Gauley, W. M. Jamieson.
North Star, No. 2.....	George A. Green, Dr. E. A. Roe, Dr. George E. Long.
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	Archibald McKelvie, George Cromie, John F. Luck, Allan E. Millhouse.
Shekinah, No. 4.....	William Christison, William S. Short, Frederick J. King, Henry M. Whiddington, W. J. Bocking, Alex Harron, Christian Gibson.
Golden West, No. 5.....	Stewart Galbraith, Thomas W. Ramsay, E. Moyle Stick.
Mount Horeb, No. 6.....	Harvey E. Cutler.
Kether, No. 8.....	Fred N. Rhodes.
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	Wilfred H. Bagley, John W. Jackson.
Bow Valley, No. 10.....	William J. Winning.
Calgary, No. 11.....	Joseph Parken, George H. Allen.
Keystone, No. 12.....	W. E. Bradley, George J. Anderson.
Capital City, No. 13.....	Frederick H. Johnson, James J. Clark, William F. Stewart, Charles V. Johnson.
Vermilion, No. 14.....	James Primrose.
Hillvue, No. 15.....	George Pattinson.
Mount Olivet, No. 17.....	George A. Murray, Frederick J. McGowan.
Norwood, No. 18.....	George H. Saywell, Thomas Bryson, Henry McCleary, Robert Moss.
Hitam, No. 19.....	Archibald W. Ewers, Sidney G. Watt, John W. Webb, Norman B. Williams, Hugh G. Samborn, Fred P. Robinson, William J. McClelland.
Banff, No. 20.....	Arthur L. Addison.
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22.....	A. H. McLeod, L. E. Roach.
Coronation, No. 23.....	Lowell Monroe, Walter R. Neeser.
Crescent, No. 24.....	Norman McPhee, William Bogle, Fred W. Luckham, G. M. Waistell.
Eheyeh, No. 27.....	George McLennan, Clarence E. Gerhart, Orr H. Sloan.

DEATHS IN THIS JURISDICTION

Alberta, No. 1.....	J. Williams, John H. Stanley.
North Star, No. 2.....	Henry E. Fuller, Edgar Evans, William H. Jaeger, Hartley M. Pearson, Ernest W. Randlett, John A. McDougall.
Assiniboia, No. 3.....	John Dixon, William G. Johnston, Charles S. Pingle.
Shekinah, No. 4.....	James Ramsay, Victor Matthews.
Golden West, No. 5.....	Aaron Bricker, Alexander B. Anderson.
Kether, No. 8.....	Hugh D. McMillan.
Otuskwan, No. 9.....	Stephen Y. Taylor, Dougall W. McMillan.

Assiniboia, No. 3 Henry L. Massingill.
Golden West, No. 5 Alexander Y. McCorquodale, George S. Ferris, William E. Butchart, Warren L. Sears, Arthur E. Butchart, William Fowler, Walter O. Torgerson, John Eversman, Alfred J. Middleton, Frank H. Berry, Donald Beaton, William Smith, George A. Armstrong, Bert J. Ostrum, Oliver W. Bowlus, Adam Armev, Frank C. Keiver, Arthur G. Spooner.
Mount Horeb, No. 6 Henry I. Millar, A. H. McCurdy, Alexander Silverthorn, George R. Taylor, Edward A. Begert, Thomas Finlayson, Robert Rice.
Bekah, No. 7 Joseph E. Straughan.
Kether, No. 8 Martin M. Steel, C. H. Loder.
Otuskwan, No. 9 Arch W. Ewers, Sidney Fearnside, David K. Boddy.
Bow Valley, No. 10 John T. Barton, Robert H. Struthers.
Calgary, No. 11 Oscar Caldwell, Frederick J. W. Marshall, William B. McLaren, William J. H. Peters.
Capital City, No. 13 James J. Clark, William O. Fowler, Frank Kerswell, James P. Knox, John S. Mc-Withey, Arthur E. Stromberg.
Vermilion, No. 14 George A. Stewart
Mount Olivet, No. 17 Walter Ironfield.
Norwood, No. 18 Daniel Jackson, James W. Young.
Hiram, No. 19 Archibald T. Penwarden.
Joseph Stauffer, No. 22 J. B. Snyder, William Wilson.
Crescent, No. 24 P. C. Town, Edward J. Williams, W. Forsyth, John Thompson.

Clifford Kentzel

Report of Grand Treasurer

March 1st, 1928, to February 28th, 1929

Mar. 1, 1928—Cash in Bank.....	\$2,282.23
Less outstanding cheques	248.56
	\$2,033.67
Received from Grand Scribe E.	4,041.52
	\$6,075.19

AMOUNTS PAID BY CHEQUE

March 1st, 1928, to February 28th, 1929

1928	
Mar. 28	Royal Bank Deposit Box.....\$ 3.00
April 20	J. H. Routledge, Engrossing 11.00
April 20	Robert Taylor, Grand Super. Expenses.. 25.00
April 20	Grand Chapter of Canada, copies of Work 195.20
April 20	Campbell Floral Co. Ltd., flowers..... 34.00
April 20	J. Eveleigh & Co. Ltd., Stationery Case . 12.25
April 20	The Muir Cap Co. Ltd., regalia..... 130.00
April 20	Edmonton Lodge, No. 7, Hall Rent 10.00
April 20	Mrs. MacDonald, Caretaker..... 10.00
May 4	N. W. J. Haydon Library Account..... 33.02
May 4	Edmonton Printing & Publishing Co. Ltd.
May 4	Grand Chapter Convocation Expenses... 41.98
May 4	Johnston Cartage Co., Cartage..... 4.50
May 4	W. M. McNab, Long Distance Phone ... 5.40
May 4	W. A. Ackland Agencies, prem. on bonds.. 3.00
May 4	Henry Birks & Sons Ltd., jewels 115.72
May 4	Albertan Job Press Ltd., printing 72.10
May 10	H. Sandilands, Gr. Supt. Expenses..... 25.00
May 10	J. L. Johnston, Jan. Gr. Chap. Conv..... 10.00
May 10	W. V. Newson, Dept. Prov. Treas., Prov.
	4 per cent Certificate..... 900.00
May 17	W. J. Oliver, Photo Album..... 5.00
May 17	H. Sandilands, Express on Regalia..... 2.95
June 1	Office Specialty Mfg. Co. Ltd., filing index 3.00
June 1	Alex Carr, Gr. Supt. expenses..... 25.00
June 1	C. R. Wentzel, Salary Grand Scribe E. ... 150.00
June 1	F. E. Osborne, Loose Leaf Binders..... 6.90
July 4	J. D. McCara, Estimating Fire Loss..... 5.00
July 4	J. R. Flan, Grand Lect'rs Expenses..... 15.00
July 4	Albertan Job Press Ltd., Printing..... 13.65
July 4	N. W. J. Haydon, Library Expenditures 28.15
July 30	City of Calgary, Taxes, Benevolence.... 148.27
Aug. 30	Muir Cap Co. Ltd., Regalia..... 65.00
Aug. 30	G. Chap. of Canada. Copies of Work..... 130.15
Aug. 30	C. R. Wentzel, Salary Grand Scribe E. ... 150.00
Oct. 20	Muir Cap Co. Ltd., Regalia..... 130.00
Oct. 20	Campbell Floral Co. Ltd., Flowers..... 4.00
Nov. 1	C. A. MacPherson, Gr. Lect'rs expenses.. 9.65
Nov. 20	C. A. MacPherson, Gr. Lect'rs expenses.. 21.00
Nov. 30	Albertan Job Press Ltd., Grand Chapter
	Proceedings, Supplies & Stationery.... 442.84
Dec. 6	Henry Birks & Sons Ltd., Regalia..... 21.25
Dec. 6	Linton's Book Store, Dist. Minute Book.. 27.00
Dec. 6	Grand Chapter of Canada, Secret Work.. 3.10
Dec. 6	Arthur E. Fosten, Proof Reading..... 12.00
Dec. 6	C. R. Wentzel, Salary Grand Scribe E. ... 150.00
Dec. 24	C. R. Wentzel, Postage on Proceedings.. 25.49

Forward.....\$3,235.57

1929	Brought Forward.....	\$3,235.57	
Dec. 24	Royal Bank of Can., rent of deposit box..	2.30	
Dec. 24	Co-operative Letter Co., multigraphing ..	1.50	
Dec. 24	Office Specialty Mfg. Co., office furniture.	21.00	
Dec. 24	J. H. Routledge, Engrossing Certificates ..	4.00	
Dec. 24	Albertan Job Press Ltd., Printing, Stationery, Cards	30.65	
Feb. 7	Muir Cap Co. Ltd., Regalia & Paraphernalia.....	444.00	
Feb. 15	Ambrose Kent & Sons Ltd., Regalia....	8.70	
Feb. 15	Henry Birks & Sons Ltd., Jewels.....	71.00	
Feb. 15	Campbell Floral Co., Flowers for C. A. Arthur.....	12.75	
Feb. 15	Co-operative Letter Co., Multigraphing.	1.00	
Feb. 28	Geo. Pattinson, Gd. Supt. Exp. 1927-28..	25.00	
Feb. 28	Henry Birks & Sons Ltd., Jewels.....	18.40	
Feb. 28	John D. McAra Ltd., Bound Books.....	49.44	
Feb. 28	Albertan Job Press Ltd.....	83.69	
Feb. 28	C. R. Wentzel, Gr. Scribe E., salary & postage.....	215.24	
Feb. 28	F. S. Selwood, Gd. Z's Expenses.....	344.97	
Feb. 28	J. H. Routledge, Engrossing.....	2.50	
			\$4,571.71
			\$1,503.48
Feb. 28	Bank Balance.....	\$2,242.72	
	Less Outstanding Cheques.....	739.24	
			\$1,503.48

Fraternally submitted,

William C. Black

Grand Treasurer

Auditors' Report

Calgary, March 14th, 1929.

To the Finance Committee,
Grand Chapter of Alberta, R.A.M.:

We have examined the books of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer and find them in agreement with the vouchers, cheques and Bank Statement. All monies received have been deposited to the credit of the Grand Chapter in the Royal Bank of Canada.

We have checked the financial reports of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer with the books and find them correctly shown and in accordance therewith.

During the year the sum of \$900 has been invested in Provincial Savings Certificates, thus bringing the total so invested to \$3,300.00, which certificates are registered in the name of the Grand Chapter and are in a safety deposit box in the Royal Bank and have been inspected by us.

Accounts for travelling expenses contain no receipted vouchers and in some cases the bills are not itemized.

With regard to the Benevolent Fund we find the report of the Committee of 1928 conflicts with the Constitution. The latter authorizes the raising of funds by a per capita tax for a specific purpose without putting a limit thereon. Therefore the funds so raised cannot constitutionally be used for any other purpose. In this connection also, the word "Capital" is used. This indicates that the income only shall be used for benevolent purposes and the principal shall remain intact.

Depreciation on Grand Chapter Property has been maintained at the usual rates, the books have been well and carefully kept and all our requirements as auditors have been complied with.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry W. Ford

Chartered Accountant

Edwin G. Ironside

Auditors.

On motion of R. E. Companion William C. Black, seconded by V. E. Companion William B. Way, it was

RESOLVED, That the reports of the Grand Scribe E, Treasurer and Auditors be received and referred to the Committee on Audit and Finance.

CHAPTER RETURNS TO DECEMBER 31st, 1928

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation	First Principal Z.	Scribe E.	Members Dec. 31, 1927	Admissions	Joinings	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	Dec. 31, 1928	Increase	Decrease	Net Increase
1	Alberta	Calgary	2nd Monday	S. L. McCracken	Norman B. Williams	311	10	1	3	13	...	2	310	...	...	1
2	North Star	Edmonton	2nd Tuesday	John Hope	Leslie H. Reilly	199	3	1	...	3	...	6	194	...	5	...
3	Asiniboia	Medicine Hat	3rd Thursday	T. A. Montgomery	Walter B. Stevens	170	3	...	1	4	1	3	166	...	4	...
4	Shekinah	Lethbridge	2nd Wednesday	Christen Junget	Don. J. Lonsberry	158	2	3	2	7	...	2	156	...	2	...
5	Golden West	High River	4th Tuesday	William Dobson	Percy G. Thomas	133	2	...	...	3	18	2	112	...	21	...
6	Mount Horeb	Wetaskiwin	4th Thursday	Albert J. Taylor	George D. Wallace	77	...	...	...	1	7	...	69	...	8	...
7	Bekah	Macleod	1st Wednesday	Walter V. Price	Arthur Young	46	8	...	...	...	...	...	53	...	7	...
8	Kether	Pincher Creek	3rd Thursday	C. I. Valentine	A. M. Blackburn	55	1	...	...	1	2	1	52	...	3	...
9	Ottuskwaw	Calgary	1st Thursday	Albert R. Yates	Joseph J. Webster	156	6	2	...	2	3	2	157	...	1	...
10	Bow Valley	Gleichen	2nd Tuesday	Thos. B. Donald	Peter Maclean	56	1	...	...	1	1	1	54	...	2	...
11	Calgary	Calgary	2nd Wednesday	George H. Best	Wm. F. Howarth	103	10	1	1	2	4	1	108	...	5	...
12	Keystone	Red Deer	4th Tuesday	Alexander Riddick	Alfred G. Ayres	135	2	...	...	1	2	3	132	...	3	...
13	Capital City	Edmonton	2nd Friday	L. G. Dunaway	David McIntosh	225	6	...	...	4	5	1	222	...	3	...
14	Vermilion	Vermilion	2nd Tuesday	Robert E. Donkin	J. W. G. Morrison	78	4	1	...	1	1	1	80	...	2	...
15	Hillvue	Hillcrest	3rd Tuesday	Edward T. Gray	Harold Henderson	52	2	...	...	1	...	...	53	...	1	...
16	Tau Cross	Clareholm	2nd Tuesday	John R. Johnstone	Edward H. Mack	44	...	...	...	...	...	...	45	...	1	...
17	Mount Olivet	Killam	3rd Wednesday	Alfred Russell	John Edwards	81	2	3	...	2	1	2	81	...	3	...
18	Norwood	Edmonton	1st Thursday	Peter A. Davie	John F. Hall	95	2	1	1	4	2	1	92	...	...	...
19	Hiram	Youngstown	Monday on or after full moon	John Ford	James E. McLeod	68	2	...	...	7	1	1	61	...	7	...
20	Banff	Banff	3rd Thursday	Henry Groves	Arthur N. Saddington	67	4	...	...	1	...	1	70	...	3	...
21	Strathmore	Strathmore	2nd Thursday	William Leadbetter	Stephen Chamberlain	48	7	3	...	2	2	...	57	...	9	...
22	Joseph Stauffer	Didsbury	Wednesday after full moon	Alexander J. Webb	James McDougall	62	3	...	...	2	...	...	61	...	1	...
23	Coronation	Coronation	2nd Thursday after full moon	Samuel E. Green	George K. Stevenson	61	7	1	...	2	...	...	67	...	6	...
24	Crescent	Calgary	3rd Thursday	George Plasteras	Frank W. Keyte	109	4	...	...	4	4	1	104	...	5	...
25	Stratheona	So. Edmonton	1st Friday	Harry H. Beiber	Frank Booth	61	1	2	...	...	...	...	64	...	3	...
26	Harmony	Bassano	3rd Wednesday	W. E. G. Anderson	George H. Travis	77	2	...	...	3	...	...	80	...	3	...
27	Eneych	Drumheller	1st Friday	Chas. E. Sowden	Wm. A. Irving	65	4	3	...	...	...	...	69	...	4	...
28	Hanna	Hanna	3rd Thursday	Charles Wylie	Charles Wylie	32	8	...	...	...	...	...	40	...	8	...
						2824	106	23	10	70	53	31	2809	53	68	15

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your Committee on Warrants recommend that Chapter at Jasper, now under dispensation, be continued until next meeting of this Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES A. MCGHEE, *Chairman.*
CYRIL A. MacPHERSON.
JOHN W. G. MORRISON.

On motion of R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson, seconded by R. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Warrants be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUDIT AND FINANCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your Committee on Audit and Finance beg to report as follows:

(1) We have examined the reports of the Grand Scribe E., the Grand Treasurer and the Auditors.

(2) These reports indicate the financial condition of this Grand Chapter and the financial activities of the past year in a very clear and satisfactory manner, and we recommend the adoption of the same.

(3) We regret to note an increase in the arrears of dues owing to Chapters, which are in excess of last year, and we again urge a greater activity by the officers of the respective Chapters in creating the desired improvement in this very important matter.

(4) An improvement is noted in the forwarding of returns by the respective Chapters to our Grand Scribe E., but there is still room for improvement in this connection.

(5) We congratulate our Grand Scribe E. and this Grand Chapter on the manner in which our records have been kept and recommend that the salary of the Grand Scribe E. be Seven hundred and twenty dollars (\$720.00) per year.

(6) The Auditors' report contains the information that itemized accounts were not presented in all cases for travelling expenses, and we recommend that this information be furnished in future before payment is made.

Fraternally submitted,

CYRIL A. MacPHERSON,
Acting Chairman.
CHARLES H. MINCHIN,
JAMES A. MCGHEE,
JAMES R. FLAN,
WILLIAM M. McNAB.

On motion of R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson, seconded by V. E. Companion Charles H. Minchin, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Audit and Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:

We, your Committee on Benevolence, beg to report as follows:

(1) We find that only a few Chapters have reported the amount expended on Benevolence during the year, and we recommend that in future all Chapters be required to give this information on the form provided for that purpose.

(2) We commend the action of the Special Committee in granting a sum from the Benevolent Fund to a worthy companion, also the sum of one hundred dollars to the widow of another companion of this jurisdiction and recommend approval of the action of the committee in these two cases.

(3) We recommend that the Benevolent Committee be empowered to authorize grants from the Benevolent Fund in the future, when circumstances or occasion demand.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM M. McNAB, *Chairman*
JAMES A. McGHEE,
CHARLES H. MINCHIN,
JAMES R. FLAN,

Moved by R. E. Companion James R. Flan, seconded by V. E. Companion Charles H. Minchin, that the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

Moved in amendment by E. Companion Henry W. Ford, seconded by R. E. Companion Frederick B. Cooper, that the report be referred back to the committee. Amendment carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and
Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Another year of effort and accomplishment of this Grand Chapter has passed into history. We rejoice that our work has broadened and our interest deepened, and for this measure of success may we in a spirit of humility and love return fitting thanks to the Giver of All Good, knowing that in Him we live and move and have our being.

But while we review our progress, it is but fitting that we pause and consider well our failures, our mistakes and our losses. To consider our failures, that mistakes may be corrected. To ponder our losses, that the spirit of sympathy and humility may be deepened within us.

At this time, in sorrow, we turn our thoughts to those who have gone from this sphere of activity to what in faith we look upon as a greater, broader, brighter opportunity for service and accomplishment. It is the duty of those of us who have labored with them to exalt their memory, to bring cheer and comfort to the hearts that have been saddened, and relief to those in need.

To the families of our dear departed companions, we extend our sympathy and bring to them the consolation that can be found only in the love and fatherhood of Almighty God.

Come ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish;
 Come, at the mercy-seat fervently kneel.
 Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
 Earth has no sorrow that heaven cannot heal.

In the thought of the immortality of our departed companions, may those of us who have been permitted to remain turn our eyes anew to that star of hope that brings light and consolation to the human race.

The character of Royal Arch Masonry must be judged by the wisdom, the honesty, the morality of its members. That trust must be guarded jealously by each and every member of our beloved order. We must remember that our lives leave behind us an influence either for good or evil. No man liveth unto himself, and no man dieth unto himself. Each man's life must leave an imprint upon the character of those about him. The influence of life is for ever and ever. It is immortal. May our lives then be so directed that when we too have passed beyond the veil our influence may remain to uplift in some measure those with whom we have been associated here.

May we labour on in confidence, in hope, in love and in humility, knowing that when we too have answered the last call of life, we may hope to hear the words of the Master: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

One sweetly solemn thought
 Comes to me o'er and o'er:
 I'm nearer home today
 Than I have been before.

Nearer the bound of life,
 Where burdens are laid down,
 Where pilgrims leave the cross,
 And victors gain the crown.

We must record the loss during the past year of twenty-nine companions of our own Grand Chapter, of whom two were Past Grand Officers.

We would also record the loss sustained by Sister Grand Jurisdictions in the passing of forty Past Grand officers, most of whom were Past Grand High Priests.

Your committee beg to recommend that suitable memorial pages be placed in our Proceedings.

Fraternally submitted,

GEORGE B. McLEOD, *Chairman*
 WILLIAM C. BLACK.
 CUTHBERT FOWLER.

On motion of R. E. Companion William C. Black, seconded by R. E. Companion David J. Garnes, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received and adopted.

DEATHS IN THIS JURISDICTION

- Alberta, No. 1. J. Williams, John H. Stanley.
 North Star, No. 2. Henry E. Fuller, Edgar Evans, William H. Jaeger, Hartley M. Pearson, Ernest W. Randlett, John A. McDougall.
 Assiniboia, No. 3. John Dixon, William G. Johnston, Charles S. Pingle.
 Shekinah, No. 4. James Ramsay, Victor Matthews.
 Golden West, No. 5. Aaron Bricker, Alexander B. Anderson.
 Kether, No. 8. Hugh D. McMillan.
 Otuskwan, No. 9. Stephen Y. Taylor, Dougall W. McMillan.
 Bow Valley, No. 10. Archibald McDonald.
 Calgary, No. 11. Stephen Young Taylor (Honorary Life Member).
 Keystone, No. 12. F. G. Scott, George H. Hutton, Stephen Y. Taylor (Honorary Life Member).
 Capital City, No. 13. John Diamond.
 Vermilion, No. 14. Andrew Y. Law.
 Mount Olivet, No. 17. Isaac Washburn, David Grant.
 Norwood, No. 18. Norman Haskell.
 Hiram, No. 19. Charles H. Brigginshaw.
 Strathmore, No. 21. A. P. MacDonald.
 Crescent, No. 24. George Poulton.



In Memory
OF THE
Companions of Our Own
Jurisdiction
FOR THE YEAR 1928

*We do not call them lost
 Because we miss them from our onward road;
 God's unseen angel o'er our pathway crossed,
 Looked on us all, and, loving them the most,
 Straightway relieved them from life's weary load.*

*They are not lost; they are within the door
 That shuts out loss and every hurtful thing—
 With angels bright and loved ones gone before,
 In the Redeemer's presence evermore
 And God Himself, their Lord, their Judge and King.*

FRATERNAL DEAD OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS

Alabama.....	Albert C. Pace, P.G.H.P., July 2, 1928
Arizona.....	George James Roskruge, P.G.H.P., July 27, 1928
Arkansas.....	Fred J. Green, Grand Scribe, Dec. 31, 1927.
Dist. of Columbia	Arvine W. Johnston, Grand Sec. Em., Mar. 4, 1928. William Barnum, P.G.H.P., Mar. 12, 1928.
Georgia	John C. Joiner, P.G.H.P., Dec. 26, 1927. J. Luther Gable, P.G.H.P., Jan. 12, 1929. Edgar Allan McHan, Grand Secretary, July 12, 1928.
Illinois	William Bryant Carlock, P.G.H.P., Mar. 6, 1928. James A. Young, P.G.H.P., Aug. 27, 1928. Alfred Augustus Whipple, P.G.H.P.
Indiana.....	Henry William Mordhurst, P.G.H.P., Oct. 19, 1928
Kentucky.....	John W. Bishop, Grand Scribe, Mar. 6, 1928. Bernard Gratz Witt, P.G.H.P., Jan. 5, 1929.
Kansas.....	Joseph Duncan Fell, P.G.H.P., June 23, 1928.
Louisiana	Harry Field Grimm, P.G.H.P., Feb. 21, 1928.
Mississippi.....	James Thomas Harrison, P.G.H.P., May 18, 1928.
Maryland.....	Oliver C. Warehime, P.G.H.P., Aug. 14, 1928.
Massachusetts.....	Samuel F. Hubbard, P.G.H.P., Mar. 3rd, 1928.
Missouri.....	Olaf Addison Lucas, P.G.H.P., Sept. 27, 1928.
Montana.....	Joseph Jameson Hindson, P.G.H.P., Feb. 17, 1928.
Nebraska.....	James Wilbur Maynard, P.G.H.P., June 28, 1928. Samuel Presley Davidson, P.G.H.P., Dec. 8, 1928.
Nevada.....	Chris Wolf, Grand Tyler, April 14, 1928. William L. Semenza, Grand Tyler. Pearis Buckner Ellis, P.G.H.P., Sept. 29, 1928. Edward Barber, P.G.H.P., Oct. 23, 1927.
New Jersey.....	Abram Amerman Reger, P.G.H.P., Feb. 18, 1928.
New York.....	J. William Prouse, P.G.H.P., Jan. 24, 1929.
Oklahoma.....	James A. Scott, P.G.H.P., April 5, 1928.
Pennsylvania.....	Michael W. Jacobs, P.G.H.P., Jan. 11, 1929.
Victoria.....	John E. Kennedy, Past Grand H., Mar. 15, 1928.
Oregon.....	Max Bollack, P.G.H.P., Feb. 28, 1928. Wallace Baldwin, P.G.H.P., Dec. 27, 1928.
Washington.....	Abraham Lincoln Miller, P.G.H.P., Nov. 14, 1927. Francis Bayly West, P.G.H.P., Dec. 16, 1927. Henry Laurence Kennan, P.G.H.P., Sept. 17, 1928.
Wisconsin.....	Cyrus Simeon Stockwell, Grand Scribe, June 19, 1928. William Edward Ratsch, Grand Sent., Oct. 27, 1928.
Wyoming.....	Otto Gramm, P.G.H.P., Dec. 17, 1927.



In Memory
OF THE
Deceased Companions of
Sister Jurisdictions
FOR THE YEAR 1928

*Death hath made no breach
 In love and sympathy, in hope and trust;
 No outward sign or sound our ears can reach,
 But there's an inward, spiritual speech
 That greets us still, though mortal tongues be dust.*

*It bids us do the work that they laid down—
 Take up the song where they broke off the strain;
 So journeying, till we reach the heavenly town
 Where are laid up our treasures and our crown,
 And dear Companions will be found again.*

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REVISION OF CONSTITUTION

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your Special Committee on Revision of the Constitution presents its report of progress in respect of its labors during the past year. Your committee held many meetings during the autumn months of 1928, all of which were well attended by members of the Committee. It was found impossible to complete the revision of the entire Constitution in time to present to the Grand Scribe E. the necessary Notices of Motion by January 15th, 1929, as required by our Constitution.

Your Committee therefore decided to request R. E. Companion Thomas Rankine to submit on its behalf Notices of Motion for several amendments to the Constitution for action at this meeting of Grand Chapter. We would say that the Committee had completed the revision of about two-thirds of the present Constitution.

It is recommended that this Committee be continued in office during the coming year.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERICK S. SELWOOD, *Chairman*.
JAMES R. FLAN.

On motion of V. E. Companion Charles H. Minchin, seconded by V. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Special Committee on Revision of Constitution be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON "WORK"

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your Committee beg leave to report that they have carefully studied the "Work" and are preparing more complete instructions for the guidance of the chapters in the floor work and shall have these printed and send a copy to each chapter in the jurisdiction, and would recommend that the Committee be continued until this has been completed.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERICK S. SELWOOD, *Chairman*.
JAMES R. FLAN.

On motion of R. E. Companion Frederick B. Cooper, seconded by V. E. Companion George L. Gothard, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on "Work" be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

We congratulate this Grand Body on the fact that nothing has been presented to this Committee for consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

MELVIN M. DOWNEY, *Chairman*.

On motion of M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Companion Walter E. Mercer, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

We commend the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal on his splendid address covering the activities of Grand Chapter for the past year. The service our Grand First Principal has rendered has been of untold value to this Grand Body and the tone of his address is very high.

Our Grand First Principal was indeed privileged to be installed by our late Most Excellent Companion Stephen Y. Taylor, the loss of whom will be deeply felt in this province.

We concur in the recommendation of the Grand First Principal that the Committees on "Revision of the Constitution" and "The Work" be continued for another twelve months.

We congratulate M. E. Companion Selwood on being able to attend all the District Convocations and to make the large number of official visits he was able to do.

We concur in his recommendation that Past rank be conferred on all Grand District Superintendents.

It is a pleasure to note that our Grand First Principal was able to visit the Grand Chapters of North Dakota and Saskatchewan and we regret his inability to visit Manitoba. We congratulate M. E. Companion Selwood on having had conferred on him honorary life membership in the Grand Chapters of North Dakota and Saskatchewan and this Committee would recommend that future Grand First Principals if possible visit, at least, the annual Convocations of the Grand Chapters of British Columbia and Saskatchewan.

Your Committee endorse the recommendations of the Grand First Principal as follows:

(1) That it is quite in order to invite Master Masons to become Royal Arch Masons.

(2) That a standing Membership Committee be appointed in each constituent Chapter to assist the Scribe E. in the collection of dues.

We concur in all the rulings and decisions which the Grand First Principal has made, and which have been presented to this Committee.

We wish to express to the Grand First Principal our appreciation of his untiring efforts to this Grand Chapter and of the great work he has accomplished.

Fraternally submitted,

MELVIN M. DOWNEY,
Acting Chairman.
 NORMAN T. MACLEOD.
 WILLIAM T. COOTE.
 WILLIAM M. McNAB

On motion of M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, seconded by V. E. Companion Charles H. Minchin, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on the Grand First, Second and Third Principals' Addresses be received and adopted.

ACTION ON NOTICES OF MOTION

Notices of Motion as proposed by R. E. Companion Thomas Rankine (in accordance with Section 147 of the Constitution, whereby he gave notice that he would move or cause them to be moved) were brought before Grand Chapter on motion of R. E. Companion J. R. Flan, seconded by V. E. Companion C. H. Minchin.

On motion of R. E. Companion W. C. Black, seconded by V. E. Companion A. Brusso, it was

RESOLVED, That the Notices of Motion be dealt with clause by clause:

"That Clause 26 of the Constitution be amended to read:

"The Grand First Principal shall exercise all the executive and judicial functions of this Grand Chapter between the Convocations of Grand Chapter, excepting the granting of charters, and he shall at each Annual Convocation communicate in writing a statement of his official acts during such interval, and recommend such measures as he may deem expedient."

"By virtue of these, authority is given him among other things:

"i—As clause 27 now reads.

"ii—To grant dispensations for the election of an officer or officers at other than the regular time.

"iii—To grant a dispensation to a Chapter for the purpose of holding a Chapter of Instruction.

"iv—**RESOLVED**, on motion of M. E. Companion N. T. Macleod, seconded by M. E. Companion W. T. Coote, that the following be deleted:

"To grant such other dipenssations as may be applied for in accordance with the constitution."

"v—As clause 31 now reads.

"vi—To arrest the Charter or Dispensation of any Chapter for good reasons shown, and suspend the operation thereof during his pleasure.

"vii—To suspend any officer of any Chapter from the exercise of the powers and duties of his office for good reasons shown, during his pleasure.

"viii—As clause 28 now reads.

"ix—As clause 29 now reads.

"x—As clause 33 now reads.

"xi—As clause 34 now reads.

"xii—It was moved by V. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, seconded by M. E. Companion W. T. Coote, that this addition be made to

clause 35: 'or Grand Superintendent of a District,' after J. in last line but one. Motion lost.

"xiii—As clause 30 now reads.

"xiv—As clause 36 now reads.

"xv—To grant dispensation to a Chapter for the purpose of meeting in any Masonic Lodge room or hall, other than its own, within the territorial jurisdiction of such Chapter for the purpose of conferring the Mark Master Mason and the Most Excellent Master Degrees or either of them.

"xvi—To issue such other dispensations as are not contrary to the Constitution or the ancient usages of the Royal Craft."

"Clause 75—Delete the word 'required' in the last line. Add the following: 'Should any Chapter fail to hold such election or installation at the time above named, upon good cause being shown therefor, the Grand First Principal may issue a dispensation to hold such election or installation or both, at another time.'

"The Investiture of an officer elected at an annual election, but not invested at the date of the annual installation, shall relate back to the latter date."

"Clause 87—Be deleted, and the following substituted therefor: 'An officer of a Chapter may resign his office. Should an officer die or resign his office, or become permanently incapable by removal or otherwise, of performing the duties thereof, application may be made to the Grand First Principal for a dispensation to elect and install a successor. Such dispensation shall be issued only on application of the Chapter. Should an appointed officer resign his office, or become incapable as above mentioned the First Principal shall forthwith appoint a successor to fill such vacancy. No companion shall be entitled to past rank in any office unless he has served a full term of twelve months in such office.'

Moved in amendment by M. E. Companion M. M. Downey, seconded by R. E. Companion C. Fowler, that the words "twelve months" in Clause 87 be deleted. Amendment carried.

"Clause 110A—A member of a Chapter in this Jurisdiction whose dues are paid, and against whom no charges are pending, who desires to transfer his membership to another Chapter, but who does not wish to demit from his Chapter, until he has been accepted by such other Chapter, shall, on request, be furnished by his Chapter with a certificate of standing. Such certificate shall accompany his petition for affiliation, which upon its reception shall take the usual course of such petitions, and the Chapter receiving the same, within ten days after ballot is taken, shall notify the result thereof to the Chapter issuing the certificate, and if the petitioner is thus shown to have been elected, his demit shall at once be issued and forwarded to the Chapter with which he affiliates. A member transferring his membership shall pay dues to the Chapter from which he is transferred to the date when the demit is issued, and to the Chapter to which his membership is transferred from the date when his demit is received by such Chapter. If certificate of standing issued as aforesaid be not used within three months from and after date of its issuance, same shall be and become null and void."

On motion of V. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, seconded by R. E. Companion W. C. Black, it was

RESOLVED, That the foregoing amendments to the constitution be adopted as amended.

On motion of V. E. Companion C. H. Minchin, seconded by P. E. Companion R. C. Rankin, it was

RESOLVED, That the election of officers take place at 10:30 o'clock a.m., Thursday, the 21st day of March, 1929.

CALLED FROM LABOR

Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment at 6:00 o'clock p.m.

SECOND DAY

MORNING SESSION

LABOR RESUMED

The Grand Chapter resumed labor at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

The Special Committee on Benevolence are pleased to report that during the year they were able to assist a very worthy companion with a substantial grant and also to grant relief in the sum of \$100.00 to the widow of another worthy companion.

We would respectfully suggest that this committee be continued in office—with the same personnel—during the coming year.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM M. McNAB, *Chairman*.
FREDERICK S. SELWOOD,
JAMES R. FLAN.

On motion of M. E. Companion William M. McNab, seconded by R. E. Companion James R. Flan, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Special Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

AMENDED REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

We, your Committee on Benevolence, beg to report as follows:

(1) We find that only a few Chapters have reported the amount expended on Benevolence during the year and we recommend that in future all Chapters be required to give this information on the form provided for that purpose.

(2) We commend the action of the Special Committee in granting a sum from the Benevolent Fund to a worthy companion, also the sum of one hundred dollars to the widow of another worthy companion

of this Grand Jurisdiction, and recommend approval of the action of the Committee in these two cases.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM M. McNAB, *Chairman*
JAMES A. McGHEE.
CHARLES H. MINCHIN.
JAMES R. FLAN.

On motion of V. E. Companion Charles H. Minchin, seconded by R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

The Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry in Alberta begs to report that it has read carefully the reports of the Grand Superintendents of the five Districts of this Grand Jurisdiction and commends these officers for the excellent manner in which they have discharged their manifold duties.

The Committee is very gratified to note that each Chapter was visited at least once, and a large number of them many times.

It is most encouraging to gather from the several reports that Royal Arch Masonry is in a healthy condition; all Chapters are making most satisfactory progress, with one or two exceptions, and even in these instances prospects appear brighter.

The Committee is pleased to observe that the District Chapters of Instruction are growing in favor as a means of promoting the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry and feels that their activities should be encouraged. In our opinion the best results would be obtained through correct demonstrations of the various degrees by selected teams of officers, making these meetings real Chapters of Instruction.

Fraternally submitted,

EDWIN G. IRNSIDE,
Acting Chairman.
JAMES R. FLAN,
JOHN W. G. MORRISON,
CYRIL A. MacPHERSON,
H. SANDILANDS.

On motion of M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, seconded by R. E. Companion H. Sandilands, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta.

Your Committee on Jurisprudence beg to report that no business has come before this committee for consideration.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM M. McNAB,
Acting Chairman.

JOHN W. G. MORRISON.

On motion of V. E. Companion Charles H. Minchin, seconded by R. E. Companion Walter E. Mercer, it was

RESOLVED, That the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:

Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg to report, that nothing has occurred during the past year to mar the happy fraternal relation existing between this Grand Chapter and all other recognized Sister Jurisdictions.

No communications have been received by this Grand Chapter requiring action or report by this Committee.

The standing Committee on Foreign Correspondence have reviewed a large number of the Proceedings received from Sister Jurisdictions, and would ask leave that the same be published as an appendix to the Annual Report of this year's Proceedings of Grand Chapter.

Fraternally submitted,

FREDERICK S. SELWOOD,
Acting Chairman.

EDWIN G. IRONSIDE.

RESOLVED, on motion of M. E. Companion Edwin G. Ironside, seconded by R. E. Companion George E. Cruickshank, that the report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence be received and adopted.

FINAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta:

Your Committee on Credentials beg leave to make a final report on the attendance at this Convocation.

Twenty-seven chartered Chapters are represented by eighty-four delegates, these being composed of fifty-four Past Principals, six Past Principals as proxies, seventeen Principals, four Second Principals and three Third Principals, having a total of one hundred and forty-one votes.

One chartered Chapter is without representation.

Details of voting privilege follow.

Fraternally Submitted,

WILLIAM C. BLACK,
Chairman.

ROY M. LAMBERTSON.

No.	Z.	H.	J.	P. Z.	Proxy.	Total votes.
1 Alberta.....	1	0	0	9	0	12
2 North Star.....	0	0	0	0	1	4
3 Assiniboia.....	0	0	0	0	1	4
4 Shekinah.....	1	0	0	1	0	4
5 Golden West.....	1	1	0	3	0	6
6 Mount Horeb.....	0	0	0	1	1	5
7 Bekah.....	1	0	0	0	0	3
8 Kether.....	1	0	0	2	0	5
9 Otuskwan.....	0	1	1	7	0	10
10 Bow Valley.....	0	0	0	2	0	5
11 Calgary.....	1	0	0	6	1	9
12 Keystone.....	0	0	0	1	0	4
13 Capital City.....	0	0	0	2	1	6
14 Vermilion.....	1	0	1	1	0	4
15 Hillvue.....	0	0	0	0	1	4
16 Tau Cross.....	1	0	0	0	0	3
18 Norwood.....	1	0	0	0	0	3
19 Hiram.....	1	0	0	1	0	4
20 Banff.....	1	0	0	0	0	3
21 Strathmore.....	1	0	0	5	0	8
22 Joseph Stauffer.....	1	0	0	1	0	4
23 Coronation.....	0	0	0	0	1	4
24 Crescent.....	1	1	1	6	0	9
25 Strathcona.....	1	1	0	2	0	5
26 Harmony.....	1	0	0	2	0	5
27 Eheyeh.....	1	0	0	1	0	4
28 Hanna.....	0	0	0	1	0	4
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RESOLVED, on motion of R. E. Companion William C. Black, seconded by R. E. Companion Roy M. Lambertson, that the Final Report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

ELECTION OF GRAND OFFICERS.

The time for the election of Grand Officers having arrived, the Most Excellent Grand First Principal appointed M. E. Companions Melvin M. Downey, William T. Coote and Edwin G. Ironside scrutineers of the ballot, and the following were declared elected:

Grand Z.	M. E. Companion James R. Flan, No. 9, Calgary.
Grand H.	R. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, No. 14, Vermilion.
Grand J.	R. E. Companion James A. McGhee, No. 22, Didsbury.
Grand Scribe E. (Secretary)	R. E. Companion Clifford R. Wentzel, No. 11, Calgary.
Grand Scribe N.	R. E. Companion, Victor W. Wright, No. 1, Calgary.
Grand Principal Sojourner	R. E. Companion Charles H. Minchin, No. 1, Calgary.
Grand Treasurer	R. E. Companion William C. Black, No. 11, Calgary.
Grand Registrar	R. E. Companion Archibald B. McCurdy, No. 2, Edmonton.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS OF DISTRICTS.

Grand Chapter was then called off to enable the districts to select their Grand Superintendents for the ensuing year.

On Grand Chapter resuming labor, the following nominations for District Superintendents were submitted to the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, who was pleased to approve in each case, and the selection was confirmed:—

Grand Supt. Dist. No. 1. R. E. Companion Raymond H. Norton,
No. 14, Vermilion.
Grand Supt. Dist. No. 2. R. E. Companion William S. Cameron,
No. 27, Drumheller.
Grand Supt. Dist. No. 3. R. E. Companion William B. Way,
No. 5, High River.
Grand Supt. Dist. No. 4. R. E. Companion Charles Comba,
No. 9, Calgary.
Grand Supt. Dist. No. 5. R. E. Companion Percy Cull, No. 4,
Lethbridge.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

R. E. Companion H. Sandilands No. 25, Edmonton
R. E. Companion Francis V. Truesdale No. 9, Calgary
R. E. Companion Frederick B. Cooper No. 1, Calgary
V. E. Companion George A. Rounce No. 24, Calgary

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

Nominations having been received, a ballot was taken and resulted in the City of Edmonton being selected as the place of meeting for the next Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter on the 19th day of March, 1930, and it was so declared.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M. E. Companion Joseph F. York, assisted by M. E. Companion Frederick S. Selwood, then proceeded with the installation of the newly elected officers, who were then proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

RESOLVED, on motion of R. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, seconded by R. E. Companion Victor W. Wright, that a vote of thanks be extended to the Installing Officers for their services. Applause.

The vote of thanks was extended by M. E. Companion J. R. Flan.

CALLED FROM LABOR.

Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment at 1.00 o'clock p.m.

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SECOND DAY

AFTERNOON SESSION

LABOR RESUMED.

The Grand Chapter resumed labor at 2.30 o'clock p.m.

On motion of M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, seconded by M. E. Companion William T. Coote, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that in view of the services rendered by Most Excellent Companion Donald A. Adams, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia, and Most Excellent Companion Joseph F. Yorke, Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan, in cementing the bonds of fraternal intercourse between the Grand Chapters of Canada, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, British Columbia and Alberta, that they be elected Honourary Life Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta. (Prolonged applause.)

GENERAL BUSINESS.

RESOLVED, on motion of V. E. Companion Joseph V. Follett, seconded by E. Companion Leon F. Pinkerton, that the Grand Scribe E. forward sufficient copies of the notices of the Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter to the Scribes E. of the subordinate Chapters, with instructions to have a copy forwarded to each member of Grand Chapter on their membership roll, at least one month before the date of the Annual Convocation.

RESOLVED, on motion R. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, seconded by M. E. Companion Melvin M. Downey, that the sincere thanks of this Grand Chapter be extended to the companions of the four Calgary Chapters for their unfailing courtesies in connection with this Grand Convocation, and particularly with respect to the splendid banquet provided by them last evening.

RESOLVED, on motion of R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson, seconded by V. E. Companion Charles H. Minchin, that a sum not exceeding Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) be appropriated for payment of any extra clerical work that may be needed in the revision of the Constitution.

RESOLVED, on motion of R. E. Companion MacPherson, seconded by V. E. Companion Charles H. Minchin, that the Grand Scribe E. be paid the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) on account of the extra expense incurred in changing the system of registration in use for Grand Chapter records to a "Card System."

RESOLVED, on motion of R. E. Companion John F. Casteel, seconded by E. Companion William Dobson, that the rent of hall for the Annual Convocation be paid from the funds of Grand Chapter.

RESOLVED, on motion of V. E. Companion George L. Gothard, seconded by R. E. Companion John F. Casteel, that the sum of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) be paid the Grand Janitor for his services during this Convocation.

RESOLVED, on motion of R. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, seconded by R. E. Companion William C. Black, that the incoming Grand First Principal appoint a Library Committee, investing them with power to house the Library properly, purchase such additional volumes as may be required to bring it up to date, and make arrangements to place books therefrom at the disposal of the subordinate Chapters.

RESOLVED, on motion of E. Companion George A. Rounce, seconded by E. Companion Frank W. Keyte, that the case for relief brought before Grand Chapter, be taken up by the Special Committee on Benevolence immediately after this Annual Convocation.

RESOLVED, on motion of R. E. Companion William C. Black, seconded by E. Companion William S. Cameron, that a vote of thanks be extended to the Grand Scribe E. for his efforts in bringing that portion of the Library containing the Proceedings of Sister Grand Jurisdctions up to date, each being now complete from the date of recognition of this Grand body, with only one or two exceptions.

RESOLVED, on motion of R. E. Companion H. Sandilands, seconded by E. Companion John Ford, that a vote of thanks be extended to the Auditors.

M. E. Companion Flan, having requested M. E. Companion Yorke, on behalf of the Grand Chapter, to present M. E. Companion Selwood with a Past Grand First Principal's suit of regalia, M. E. Companion Yorke performed this in a very pleasing manner, to which M. E. Companion Selwood responded in his usual eloquent manner.

APPOINTMENTS BY THE GRAND FIRST PRINCIPAL.

The following officers were appointed by the Grand First Principal, and the Special Committees named in accordance with resolutions passed:

Grand Senior Sojourner, V. E. Companion George A. Rounce, No. 24, Calgary.

Grand Junior Sojourner, V. E. Companion Frederick J. Summerill, No. 1, Edmonton.

Grand Lecturer, R. E. Companion Cyril A. MacPherson, No. 24, Calgary.

Grand Sword Bearer, V. E. Companion James R. Donaldson, No. 26, Bassano.

Grand Master 1st Veil, V. E. Companion Nathaniel M. Connor, No. 3, Medicine Hat.

Grand Master 2nd Veil, V. E. Companion Edward H. Mack, No. 16, Claresholm.

Grand Master 3rd Veil, V. E. Companion John G. Odell, No. 28, Hanna.

Grand Master 4th Veil, V. E. Companion Harold Henderson, No. 15, Hillcrest.

Grand Director of Ceremonies, V. E. Companion Walter H. Smith, No. 3, Lethbridge.

Grand Organist, R. E. Companion Frederick B. Cooper, No. 1, Calgary.

Grand Pursuivant, V. E. Companion John H. Richardson, No. 18, Edmonton.

Grand Steward, V. E. Companion James McDougal, No. 22, Didsbury.

Grand Steward, V. E. Companion Henry G. Smith, No. 6, Wetaskiwin.

Grand Steward, V. E. Companion Arthur Robinson, No. 25, Edmonton.

Grand Steward, V. E. Companion Ross A. Van Slyke, No. 12, Red Deer.

Grand Janitor, Companion J. L. Johnston, Edmonton.

Library Committee: - M.E. Companions Frederick S. Selwood and Edwin G. Ironside, R. E. Companion C. R. Wentzel.

GRAND CHAPTER CLOSED.

The labours of the Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in AMPLE FORM at 5.00 o'clock p.m.

Clifford Wentzel

Grand Scribe E.



GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION, 29th MAY, 1914

Grand Officers	1914	1915	1916	1917	1918	1919
Grand Z	S. Y. Taylor	J. N. Rankin	F. S. Watson	Robert Patterson	A. R. Dickson	M. M. Downey
Grand H	F. S. Watson	F. S. Watson	R. Patterson	A. R. Dickson	M. M. Downey	N. T. Macleod
Grand J	T. C. Bruce	T. C. Bruce	A. R. Dickson	M. M. Downey	N. T. Macleod	H. Darling
Grand Scribe E	M. M. Downey	M. M. Downey	M. M. Downey	J. E. Johnson	J. E. Johnson	J. E. Johnson
Grand Scribe N	A. R. Yates	A. R. Dickson	E. D. H. Wilkins	Geo. D. Stanley	P. J. Dewie	E. C. Dunlop
Grand Prin. Soj	E. D. H. Wilkins	E. D. H. Wilkins	A. R. Yates	N. T. Macleod	W. T. Coote	W. A. Mahaffy
Grand Treasurer	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley	A. W. R. Markley
Grand Registrar	A. West	A. West	V. A. Bowes	E. D. H. Wilkins	D. W. McMillan	Jesse Elliott
Grand Senior Soj	T. Rankine	D. W. McMillan	W. A. Mahaffy	Geo. W. Elliott	Jesse Elliott	W. J. Stephenson
Grand Junior Soj	A. H. Spurr	W. A. Mahaffy	D. L. Murison	David McIntosh	J. A. R. Powell	J. J. Green
Grand Lecturer	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue	J. H. Argue
Grand Sword Bearer	G. B. McLeod	G. B. McLeod	G. D. Wallace	W. F. W. Lent	R. D. Robertson	R. H. Struthers
Grand M. 1st Veil	H. I. Miller	H. G. Hoare	A. N. Lindsay	William T. Coote	J. Dan McDonald	G. E. Cruickshank
Grand M. 2nd Veil	G. T. Bragg	T. H. Irvine	D. McKenzie	R. Powell	D. Thompson	Harvey Brock
Grand M. 3rd Veil	C. E. Macdonald	D. G. Campbell	R. C. MacDonald	Thos. Burnett	H. B. Jamieson	S. T. Fawcett
Grand M. 4th Veil	W. E. Lord	James Walker	E. E. Farley	J. A. MacDonald	A. W. Resborough	D. McLean
Grand D. of C.	J. M. Empey	A. R. Yates	James Walker	F. S. Selwood	Geo. Simpson	M. R. Peacock
Grand Organist	G. J. Davis	F. B. Cooper	Peter Walker	J. E. Hodgson	F. B. Cooper	W. A. Ackland
Grand Pursuivant	E. E. Farley	E. E. Farley	H. H. Fletcher	Joseph Longdon	Geo. Campbell	D. A. Taylor
Grand Steward	Geo. McManus	F. R. Jelfs	W. E. Mercer	S. M. Fraser	F. S. Macpherson	A. N. Saddington
Grand Steward	W. A. Mahaffy	Gaius Allen	D. W. McMillan	G. E. Hayward	A. Hayr	H. Macpherson
Grand Steward	G. L. Chesney	D. L. Murison	Gaius Allen	J. A. Neff	R. C. MacDonald	W. J. Haynes
Grand Steward	J. S. Lambert	G. J. Davis	G. J. Davis	William Thompson	S. M. Fraser	H. D. McMillan
Grand Janitor	Harvey Brock	R. C. Bruce	J. L. Johnston	Thos. Baird	Wm. Burns	S. H. Davies

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION (Continued)

Grand Officers	1920	1921	1922	1923	1924
Grand Z	N. T. Macleod	H. Darling	G. B. McLeod	W. T. Cooté	J. E. Johnson
Grand H	H. Darling	G. B. McLeod	W. T. Cooté	J. E. Johnson	S. H. Middleton
Grand J	W. T. Cooté	W. T. Cooté	J. E. Johnson	S. H. Middleton	E. C. Dunlop
Grand Scribe E	J. E. Johnson	J. E. Johnson	E. G. Ironside	E. G. Ironside	E. G. Ironside
Grand Scribe N	D. McIntosh	Jas. R. Flan	Jas. A. McChes	J. W. Stephenson	D. S. Baram
Grand Prin. Soj.	Geo. B. McLeod	Jas. A. McChes	R. G. Thomson	G. E. Cruickshank	W. C. Marsh
Grand Treasurer	H. H. Fletcher	H. H. Fletcher	H. H. Fletcher	H. H. Fletcher	H. H. Fletcher
Grand Registrar	Jos. G. Morris	G. F. Butler	R. C. Rankin	W. J. Haynes	G. W. Elliott
Grand Senior Soj.	W. C. Black	R. G. Thomson	Robt. Evans	C. R. Wentzel	R. S. Davis
Grand Junior Soj.	J. E. Rannard	Alex. McKee	A. G. Finch	James Cleave	W. G. Evans
Grand Lecturer	M. M. Downey	S. F. Patterson	E. C. Dunlop	E. C. Dunlop	N. T. Macleod
Grand Sword Bearer	W. D. Graham	J. W. G. Morrison	A. D. Campbell	Joseph Brown	J. S. Lambert
Grand M. 1st Veil	R. W. Manley	W. E. M. Holmes	J. W. G. Morrison	F. J. Folinsbee	C. A. MacPherson
Grand M. 2nd Veil	D. C. McKenzie	A. C. Sloane	D. S. Baram	R. S. Davis	F. B. Watson
Grand M. 3rd Veil	R. L. McIlveen	D. C. McDougall	P. R. Campbell	C. W. Coppock	J. W. Oakes
Grand M. 4th Veil	J. B. Sutherland	E. C. Locke	Peter Maclean	C. H. Russell	E. G. Lamb
Grand D. of C.	J. H. Green	E. M. Cawker	J. W. Oakes	W. G. Evans	J. H. McNeill
Grand Organist	W. A. Ackland	W. A. Ackland	F. B. Cooper	F. B. Cooper	W. A. Ackland
Grand Pursuivant	J. R. Flan	E. G. Lamb	A. G. Aldridge	P. D. Stone	Peter Maclean
Grand Steward	G. F. Butler	Alex. H. Duff	F. A. McEwan	Geo. Pattinson	L. S. Crosby
Grand Steward	M. M. Steele	R. P. Umbrite	H. C. Ritchie	H. H. Humber	Robt. Crichton
Grand Steward	H. O. Haslam	C. W. McKinnon	H. W. B. Bell	W. A. Fallow	W. B. Way
Grand Steward	Oliver Cowin	R. C. Rankin	W. D. King	W. E. M. Holmes	Robt. Taylor
Grand Janitor	J. J. Green	S. H. Davies	J. L. Johnston	S. H. Davies	S. H. Davies

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS SINCE ORGANIZATION (Continued)

Grand Officers	1925	1926	1927	1928	1929
Grand Z.	S. H. Middleton	E. G. Ironside	Wm. M. McNab	Frederick S. Selwood	James R. Flan
Grand H.	E. G. Ironside	Wm. M. McNab	F. S. Selwood	James R. Flan	John W. G. Morrison
Grand J.	Wm. M. McNab	F. S. Selwood	Jas. R. Flan	J. W. G. Morrison	James A. McGhee
Grand Scribe E.	C. R. Wentzel	C. R. Wentzel	C. R. Wentzel	C. R. Wentzel	C. R. Wentzel
Grand Scribe N.	J. F. Casteel	D. W. Cotton	James Cleave	James B. Griffith	V. W. Wright
Grand Prin. Soj.	W. J. Stephenson	Ernest Ward	J. W. G. Morrison	Francis V. Tuedale	Chas. H. Minchin
Grand Treasurer	H. H. Fletcher	Wm. C. Black	Wm. C. Black	William C. Black	William C. Black
Grand Registrar	H. Stainsleigh	Geo. B. Wallace	D. W. Cotton	George H. Travis	A. B. McCurdy
Grand Senior Soj.	J. S. McHardy	H. C. Neal	Philisk Pidgeon	R. H. Norton	George A. Rounce
Grand Junior Soj.	Geo. W. Potter	Wm. H. Andrews	Thomas W. Bull	Percy Cull	F. J. Summerill
Grand Lecturer	Jas. R. Flan	Jas. R. Flan	Chester A. Arthur	Cyril A. MacPherson	Cyril A. MacPherson
Grand Sword Bearer	T. Ridpath	F. W. Tye	Ralph P. Umbrite	James Rennie	James R. Donaldson
Grand M. 1st Veil	G. Pattinson	John Selkirk	Herbert P. Long	Alfred Brusso	Nathaniel M. Conner
Grand M. 2nd Veil	John Taylor	F. M. Dillon	Clare C. Hartman	Frank Booth	Edward H. Mack
Grand M. 3rd Veil	W. W. Pratt	W. G. Niblock	George H. Travis	John B. Boese	John G. Odell
Grand M. 4th Veil	H. H. Humber	W. B. Way	James Rennie	William E. Ward	Harold Henderson
Grand D. of C.	C. W. E. Gardner	Chas. Comba	Joseph V. Follet	Charles H. Minchin	Walter H. Smith
Grand Organist	W. A. Ackland	W. A. Ackland	Fred N. Morris	William A. Ackland	Frederick B. Cooper
Grand Pursuivant	James Hughes	Jas. Hughes	Albert E. Wynne	William J. Noble	John H. Richardson
Grand Steward	H. C. Neal	G. E. Long	Frank Milne	John Arthur	James McDougal
Grand Steward	H. G. Morris	J. B. McKerrrow	Vernon W. Parrish	George L. Gothard	Henry G. Smith
Grand Steward	John Duff	J. T. Cumberland	Donald McLean	Thos. A. Montgomery	Arthur Robinson
Grand Steward	Geo. W. Wright	W. H. Williams	William Baxter	Wesley T. Haynes	Ross A. Van Slyke
Grand Janitor	S. H. Davies	S. H. Davies	J. L. Johnston	S. H. Davies	J. L. Johnston

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS SINCE ORGANIZATION, 29th MAY, 1914

	District No. 1	District No. 2	District No. 3	District No. 4	District No. 5
1914	Andrew R. Dickson	Thomas Frederick English	Robert Patterson		
1915	Henry I. Millar	Thomas Rankine	Robert Patterson		
1916	Hiram Darling	John Edgar Johnson			
1917	Daniel R. Cameron	William E. Lord	Charles W. Cook		
1918	J. A. Neff	Frederick S. Selwood	John F. Casteel		
1919	William J. Seed	Walter E. Mercer	William H. Doty		
1920	Robert C. Macdonald	William J. Stephenson	Mark B. Peacock	Thomas W. Bates	John Allen
1921	George S. Armstrong	William J. Haynes	Robert L. McIveen	Oliver J. Cowin	John D. McDonald
1922	John J. Green	George D. Wallace	William C. Black	James R. Flan	James E. Rannard
1923	William M. McNab	Enos Charles Locke	Robert C. Rankin	Harold W. B. Bell	Harry O. Haslam
1924	John W. G. Morrison	George H. Best	William E. M. Holmes	Frederick B. Cooper	Arthur G. Finch
1925	George W. Elliott	Alexander M. McKee	Cyril A. MacPherson	James Cleave	Duncan C. McDougall
1926	George W. Potter		William H. Hiscocks	Hugh Stainsleigh	Chester A. Arthur
1927	H. Sandilands	Robert Taylor	Hugh C. Ritchie	Alexander Carr	George Pattinson
1928	Roy M. Lamberton	Cuthbert Fowler	David J. Garies	Orlando G. Craig	Thomas J. Cumberland
1929	Raymond H. Norton	William S. Cameron	William R. Way	Charles Comba	Percy Cull

New Districts Organized

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

President, R. E. Companion John W. G. Morrison, Grand H.
M. E. Companion James R. Flan, Grand Z.

M. E. Companion J. N. Rankin	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion F. S. Watson	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion R. Patterson	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion M. M. Downey	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion N. T. Macleod	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion G. B. McLeod	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion W. T. Coote	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion J. E. Johnson	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion S. H. Middleton	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion W. M. McNab	P.G.Z.
M. E. Companion F. S. Selwood	P.G.Z.
R. E. Companion James A. McGhee	Grand J.
R. E. Companion R. H. Norton	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion W. S. Cameron	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion W. B. Way	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion C. Comba	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion P. Cull	Grand Supt.
R. E. Companion C. R. Wentzel	Grand S.E.
R. E. Companion V. W. Wright	Grand Scribe N.
R. E. Companion W. C. Black	Grand Treasurer

Elected by Grand Chapter.

R. E. Companion H. Sandilands	2 years
R. E. Companion F. V. Truesdale	2 years
R. E. Companion F. B. Cooper	2 years
V. E. Companion G. A. Rounce	2 years
R. E. Companion C. A. MacPherson	1 year
R. E. Companion G. W. Elliott	1 year
R. E. Companion J. J. Green	1 year
R. E. Companion C. H. Minchin	1 year

SUB-COMMITTEES.**Grand Z's Address.**

M. E. Companion J. N. Rankin, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions F. S. Watson, Robert Patterson, M. M. Downey, N. T. Macleod, G. B. McLeod, W. T. Coote, J. E. Johnson, S. H. Middleton, E. G. Ironside, W. M. McNab, and F. S. Selwood.

Credentials.

R. E. Companion W. C. Black, *Chairman*; R. E. Companions R. H. Norton, W. S. Cameron, W. B. Way and C. Comba.

Warrants.

M. E. Companion W. T. Coote, *Chairman*; R. E. Companions J. A. McGhee, M. E. Companion, M. M. Downey, R. E. Companions J. W. G. Morrison, G. W. Elliott and C. A. MacPherson.

Audit and Finance.

M. E. Companion F. S. Selwood, *Chairman*; R. E. Companions C. A. MacPherson, H. Sandilands, G. W. Elliott, C. H. Minchin, F. V. Truesdale, and F. B. Cooper.

Condition of Capitular Masonry.

M. E. Companion E. G. Ironside, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions S. H. Middleton and J. N. Rankin, R. E. Companions J. W. G. Morrison, J. J. Green and J. A. McGhee.

Jurisprudence.

M. E. Companion N. T. Macleod, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions W. T. Coote, E. G. Ironside, W. M. McNab, G. B. McLeod and F. S. Selwood, and R. E. Companion J. W. G. Morrison.

Grievances and Appeals.

M. E. Companion M. M. Downey, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions N. T. Macleod and G. B. McLeod, R. E. Companions G. A. Rounce, V. W. Wright, H. Sandilands, F. B. Cooper and J. W. G. Morrison.

Benevolence.

M. E. Companion W. M. McNab, *Chairman*; M. E. Companion F. S. Selwood, R. E. Companions J. A. McGhee, J. J. Green, C. H. Minchin, P. Cull and W. S. Cameron.

Fraternal Dead.

M. E. Companion G. B. McLeod, *Chairman*; M. E. Companion M. M. Downey, R. E. Companions W. C. Black, G. W. Elliott, H. Sandilands, and R. H. Norton.

Foreign Correspondence.

M. E. Companion S. H. Middleton, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions J. E. Johnson, E. G. Ironside and F. S. Selwood.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

Committee on Revision of Constitution.

M. E. Companion F. S. Selwood, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions N. T. Macleod and J. R. Flan, R. E. Companions J. W. G. Morrison, C. A. MacPherson, T. Rankine and C. R. Wentzel.

Committee on "Work."

M. E. Companion J. R. Flan, *Chairman*; M. E. Companions S. H. Middleton and F. S. Selwood, R. E. Companions J. W. G. Morrison, C. A. MacPherson and C. R. Wentzel.

The next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Edmonton, on the Third Wednesday, being the 19th day of March, 1930.



Grand Scribe E.

809-9A. St. N. W., Calgary.

GRAND SECRETARIES OF GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

Grand Chapter	Name	Address
Alabama	George A. Beauchamp	Montgomery, Mas. Temple.
Arizona	Harry A. Drachman	Tucson, Box 238
Arkansas	John C. Bone	Batesville, 100 Spring St.
British Columbia	John W. Prescott, G.S.E.	Vancouver, 603 Hastings St. W.
California	Thomas A. Davies	San Francisco, Rm. 423, Mas. Temple
Canada	Henry T. Smith, G.S.E.	Toronto, 708 Temple Bldg.
Colorado	William W. Cooper	Denver, Rm 319, Mas. Temple
Connecticut	George A. Kies	Hartford, Mas. Temple
Delaware	John W. Mack, etn	Wilmington, Box 94
District of Columbia	J. Claude Keiper	Washington, Mas. Temple
England	P. Colville Smith, G.S.E.	London, W.C., Freemasons Hall
Florida	Wilber P. Webster	Jacksonville
Georgia	Augustus G. Miller	Macon
Idaho	Edward H. Way	Boise, Box 1203
Illinois	James E. Jeffers	Springfield, Box 656
Indiana	Robert A. Woods	Princeton, Mas. Temple
Iowa	Orvis F. Graves	Harlan
Ireland	Henry C. Shellard, Gd Reg	Dublin, Freemasons Hall
Kansas	Elmer F. Strain	Topeka, Maronic Grand Lodge Bldg.
Kentucky	G. Allison Holland	Lexington
Louisiana	John A. Davilla	New Orleans, Rm. 1302, Mas. Temple
Maine	Charles B. Davis	Portland, Mas. Temple
Manitoba	George Symes, G.S.E.	Winnipeg, Mas. Temple
Maryland	Gustav A. Eitel	Baltimore, Mas. Temple
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Missouri	Ray V. Denslow	Trenton
Montana	Luther T. Hauberg	Helena, Box 806
Nebraska	Lewis E. Smith	Omaha, Rm. 401, Mas. Temple
Nevada	Frank D. King	Reno, Box 595
New Brunswick	J. Twining Hartt	St. John, Ritchie's Bldg.
New Hampshire	Harry M. Cheney	Concord
New Jersey	Charles D. McCracken	Lambertville, 5 Jefferson St.
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque, Box 535
New South Wales	David R. Hutchison	Sydney, 32 Elizabeth St.
New York	Charles C. Hunt	New York City, Mas. Hall
New Zealand	Charles W. Nielsen	Wellington, Box 236
North Carolina	John B. Griggs	Elizabeth City, Box 365
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo
Nova Scotia	Brenton F. Porter	Truro, Box 135
Ohio	Mont C. Hambright	Springfield
Oklahoma	Ira B. Kirkland	Muskogee
Oregon	D. Rufus Cheney	Portland, Mas. Temple
Pennsylvania	Joseph E. Quinby	Philadelphia, Mas. Temple
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Rhode Island	William R. Greene	Providence, Freemasons Hall
Saskatchewan	Francis B. Reilly, G.S.E.	Regina, 312 Westman Chambers
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South Carolina	O. Frank Hart	Columbia
South Dakota	George A. Pettigrew	Sioux Falls, Mas. Temple
Tennessee	Stith M. Cain	Nashville, 306 7th Ave. No.
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Utah	John M. Dunlap	Salt Lake City, Mas. Temple
Vermont	Archie S. Harriman	Burlington, Mas. Temple
Victoria	Charles K. Cahn, G.S.E.	Melbourne, 164 Flinders St.
Virginia	James M. Clift	Richmond
Washington	Wesley C. Stone	Spokane, 412 Hyde Bldg.
West Australia	John C. Strickland, G.S.E.	Perth, St. George's Terrace
West Virginia	George M. Ford	Wheeling, 1407 Market St.
Wisconsin	William F. Weiler	Milwaukee, 470 Van Buren St.
Wyoming	Richard H. Repath	Cheyenne, Box 816
G. G. Chap. U.S.A.	Charles A. Connover	Coldwater, 95 W. Chicago St.
G. Lodge M.M.M.		
England-Wales	T. G. L. Lumley-Smith	London, W.C., Mark Mason's Hall

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALBERTA NEAR OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS

Alabama.....	Robert E. Howard.....	Birmingham
Arizona.....	Everett H. McEachern.....	Miami
Arkansas.....		
British Columbia.....	John W. Prescott.....	Vancouver
California.....	Charles H. King.....	Sebastopol
Canada.....	John K. Brydon.....	Kenora
Colorado.....	William S. Pickerill.....	Durango
Connecticut.....	Frederick E. Bartholmew.....	Lakeville
Delaware.....	John W. Macklem.....	Wilmington
District of Columbia.....	James A. West.....	Washington
Florida.....	James M. Wilson.....	Kissimmee
Georgia.....	Zach Arnold.....	Fort Gaines
Idaho.....	Kenneth E. McBride.....	Salmon City
Illinois.....	Andrew J. Schattgen.....	Jerseyville
Indiana.....	Robert M. H. Britton.....	Terra Haute
Iowa.....	Lewis J. Clarke.....	Jefferson
Ireland.....	William McMahon.....	Richill, Armagh
Kansas.....	La Velle C. Hicks.....	Salina
Kentucky.....	Samuel K. Veach.....	Carlisle
Louisiana.....	Leon A. Haas.....	Opelousas
Maine.....	W. Scott Shorey.....	Bath
Manitoba.....	Frederick L. Newman.....	Portage La Prairie
Maryland.....	Harry Oscar Perry.....	Baltimore..
Massachusetts.....	Robert W. Oliver.....	Charlestown
Michigan.....	Charles W. Mixer.....	Hastings
Minnesota.....	Frank H. McCuskey.....	Minneapolis
Mississippi.....	Thomas E. Moody.....	Grenada
Missouri.....	Claude L. Fichthorn.....	Marshall
Montana.....	David Craig.....	Conrad
Nebraska.....	Hayes Gsanter (Dr).....	Omaha
Nevada.....	Charles P. Hoskins.....	Winnemucca
New Brunswick.....	Frederick M. Tweedie.....	Chatham
New Hampshire.....	William B. Randall.....	Portsmouth
New Jersey.....	William H. Pike.....	Newark
New South Wales.....	Charles Edward Abbott.....	Illawarra
New York.....	Roy H. Service.....	Dolgeville
New Zealand.....	Robert W. Stiles.....	Nelson
North Carolina.....	J. Edward Allen.....	Warrenton
North Dakota.....	Walter R. Reed.....	Fargo
Nova Scotia.....	Fletcher H. Northup.....	Berwick
Ohio.....	Irving Stafford.....	Cleveland
Oklahoma.....	Edward P. Gallup.....	Oklahoma City
Oregon.....	Glenn C. Fabrick.....	Medford
Pennsylvania.....	Owen W. Metzger.....	Allentown
Quebec.....	W. J. Edwards.....	Cookshire
Rhode Island.....	Henry G. Heath.....	Hope Valley
Saskatchewan.....	James C. Moore.....	Regina
Scotland.....	William McVey.....	Portobello, 16 Park Ave.
South Carolina.....	William A. Giles.....	Graniteville
South Dakota.....	Norris J. Hendrickson.....	Rapid City
Tennessee.....	Frank E. Bartley.....	Morristown
Texas.....	J. D. Starks.....	Floydada
Utah.....	Ernest A. Tripp.....	Salt Lake City
Vermont.....	Howard H. Shufelt.....	Burlington
Victoria.....	Charles T. Martin.....	South Yarra
Virginia.....	George C. Scarborough.....	Norton
Washington.....	Alex Frazier.....	Seattle
West Australia.....	Charles C. Bedelle.....	Perth
West Virginia.....	Lawrence G. Kincheloe.....	Clarksburg
Wisconsin.....	George W. Bell.....	Hudson
Wyoming.....	Walter B. Saunders.....	Gillette

REPRESENTATIVES OF OTHER GRAND JURISDICTIONS NEAR THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ALBERTA

Alabama.....	James McDougal.....	Didsbury
Arizona.....	Frederick B. Cooper.....	Calgary
Arkansas.....	Oliver J. Cowin.....	Youngstown
British Columbia.....	Howard H. Fletcher.....	Calgary
California.....	Mark B. Peacock.....	Calgary
Canada.....	Frederick S. Watson.....	Edmonton
Colorado.....	George A. Rounce.....	Calgary
Connecticut.....	Thomas Rankine.....	Calgary
Delaware.....	George W. Elliott.....	Edmonton
District of Columbia.....	John W. G. Morrison.....	Vermilion
Florida.....	George E. Cruickshank.....	Hillcrest
Georgia.....	James R. Donaldson.....	Bassano
Idaho.....	David J. Ganes.....	Calgary
Illinois.....	Robert C. Rankin.....	Calgary
Indiana.....	Archie West.....	Edmonton
Iowa.....	James N. Rankin.....	Calgary
Ireland.....	Charles H. Minchin.....	Calgary
Kansas.....	Francis V. Truesdale.....	Calgary
Kentucky.....	William S. Cameron.....	Drumheller
Louisiana.....	Alexander D. Campbell.....	Edmonton
Maine.....	Frederick S. Selwood.....	Calgary
Manitoba.....	George D. Wallace.....	Wetaskiwin
Maryland.....	Walter E. Mercer.....	Calgary
Massachusetts.....	William B. Way.....	High River
Michigan.....	James R. Flan.....	Calgary
Minnesota.....	Arthur G. Finch.....	Medicine Hat
Mississippi.....	Arthur Robinson.....	Edmonton
Missouri.....	Cyril A. MacPherson.....	Calgary
Montana.....	James Cleave.....	Calgary
Nebraska.....	Edwin G. Ironside.....	Calgary
Nevada.....	Percy Cull.....	Lethbridge
New Brunswick.....	William A. Ackland.....	Calgary
New Hampshire.....	Frederick J. Summerill.....	Edmonton
New Jersey.....	William T. Coote.....	Edmonton
New South Wales.....	Clifford R. Wentzel.....	Calgary
New York.....	George B. McLeod.....	Edmonton
New Zealand.....	Raymond H. Norton.....	Vermilion
North Carolina.....	John F. Casteel.....	High River
North Dakota.....	T. Frederick English.....	Calgary
Nova Scotia.....	George S. Armstrong.....	Edmonton
Ohio.....	William M. McNab.....	Edmonton
Oklahoma.....	Joseph V. Follett.....	Calgary
Oregon.....	James A. McGhee.....	Didsbury
Pennsylvania.....	John H. W. S. Kemmis.....	Calgary
Quebec.....	G. Frank Butler.....	Calgary
Rhode Island.....	Archibald B. McCurdy.....	Edmonton
Saskatchewan.....	E. Charles Locke.....	Coronation
Scotland.....	Samuel H. Middleton (Rev. Canon).....	Cardston
South Carolina.....	John J. Green.....	Edmonton
South Dakota.....	Harold W. B. Bell.....	Calgary
Tennessee.....	Norman T. Macleod.....	Lethbridge
Texas.....	John Odell.....	Hanna
Utah.....	William C. Black.....	Calgary
Vermont.....	Melvin M. Downey.....	Edmonton
Victoria.....	Arthur N. Saddington.....	Banff
Virginia.....	Thomas A. Montgomery.....	Medicine Hat
Washington.....	Donald M. McLean.....	Edmonton
West Australia.....	Percy Fielding.....	Mannville
West Virginia.....	Victor C. French.....	Wetaskiwin
Wisconsin.....	William J. Haynes.....	Sedgewick
Wyoming.....	George H. Travis.....	Bassano

APPENDIX

REPORT *of* COMMITTEE *on* FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

FOREWORD

The Review of last year was written by a committee of three Past Grand First Principals, the chairman being a Canon of the Anglican Church and Principal of a large educational institution; his colleagues, one an eminent barrister, and the other an official of His Majesty's Postal Service.

This year, owing to the pressure of extra duties, we have added two to our number—a prominent physician, whose knowledge of the Royal Craft has proven a valuable asset in bringing this Review to completion, and a highly esteemed Principal of one of Calgary's High Schools.

The members of the committee take this opportunity of extending to the chairman their hearty congratulations on his elevation to the coveted position of Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta.

Many reviewers of the large jurisdictions receive a salary for writing the Foreign Correspondence Report, but we rather lean towards altruism. We receive much pleasure and profit by mingling mentally with the giants of Freemasonry in other climes and deeply appreciate the opportunity thus afforded.

The Reviewer for New Jersey has aptly said: "As we carefully peruse the transactions of these different Grand Chapters we are impressed with the close uniformity that exists between them, even though in many instances strange titles are used and sometimes the language is so new that it is necessary to pause and think for a moment before we are able to discover the same general tenet and principle.

"Most all of the Grand Chapters call the Craft to a high idealism and endeavor to recall to the members the noble purposes that are taught in Capitular Masonry. They would have the standard upheld. Legislation is usually of such a nature as to make Masonry a greater dynamic, a more vital force and a more practical agent than ever. They insist that the principles are to be made a part of every day life and that as a result a Mason is to be a citizen of whom his country may be proud, and a builder that any workman need not be ashamed."

There is at least one phase of Masonry found the world over—that Masonry holds up ideals to every one of its followers; and ideals are like stars, you cannot touch them with your hands, but, like the sailor, if you follow them, they will guide you to your port.

We like the thought that a Mason in any country will find companions, friends and a home.

We extend our heartiest good wishes to all companions and to all Grand Jurisdictions.

S. H. MIDDLETON, *Chairman*,
E. G. IRONSIDE,
F. S. SELWOOD.

**Proceedings received between January 1st and December 31st, 1928,
have been reviewed as follows:**

Alabama.....	1928	New Hampshire.....	1928
Arizona.....	1928	New Jersey.....	1928
British Columbia.....	1928	New Mexico.....	1927
California.....	1928	New South Wales.....	1928
Canada.....	1928	New York.....	1927-1928
Colorado.....	1928	New Zealand.....	1927-1928
Connecticut.....	1928	North Carolina.....	1928
Delaware.....	1928	North Dakota.....	1927
Florida.....	1928	Nova Scotia.....	1928
Georgia.....	1927-1928	Ohio.....	1928
Iowa.....	1928	Oklahoma.....	1928
Illinois.....	1928	Oregon.....	1928
Indiana.....	1928	Pennsylvania.....	1928
Kentucky.....	1928	Rhode Island.....	1927-1928
Louisiana.....	1928	Saskatchewan.....	1927
Maine.....	1928	South Carolina.....	1928
Maryland.....	1927-1928	South Dakota.....	1928
Massachusetts.....	1928	Tennessee.....	1927
Michigan.....	1927-1928	Texas.....	1928
Minnesota.....	1928	Utah.....	1928
Mississippi.....	1928	Vermont.....	1928
Missouri.....	1927-1928	Virginia.....	1928
Montana.....	1927-1928	Washington.....	1928
Nebraska.....	1928	West Virginia.....	1928
Nevada.....	1928	General Grand Chapter...	1927

ALABAMA

The One Hundred and Second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Alabama was held at Montgomery, December 3rd, 1928.

Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Leonidas W. Kolb.

Alberta representative, Companion Robert E. Howard, noted as absent on account of illness.

The address of the Grand High Priest made excellent reading. I quote:

"It is good during such times and conditions as we have experienced the past year to be able, during the clouds and strife which surround us, to turn our eyes toward our altars and behold the steady light of love and truth that beams therefrom; to turn our feet toward the Convocations of our Chapters and there absorb that friendship, that union, that zeal which is there so bountifully supplied to us and which renews our Faith and Hope, inspires us to Charity and so, purifying our hearts, renders us worthy to assume the noble name of Mason."

After paying nearly \$6,000 into Alabama Masonic Home, their funds showed a small credit balance over 1927.

The Committee on Masonry and American Citizenship presented a report heartily in favor of the outlawing of war; and in this connection does it not seem desirable that there should be concerted action on the part of all bodies of Masonic allegiance to this end?

No unusual decision or dispensation was noted.

84 Chapters. 13,881 members. Net loss, 748.

Woolsey Finnell, Grand High Priest.

George A. Beauchamp, Grand Secretary.

W.M.M.

ARIZONA

The Thirty-eight Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Arizona was held at Tucson, February 14th, 1928. Our Grand Representative, E. Companion Everett H. McEachren, was present. He had the honor of being appointed Grand Master of 1st Veil for 1928.

Grand High Priest David Benshimol's address is not lengthy. He says: "There has been apparently no dissension among the companions, and nothing has arisen which I was called upon to adjust."

Their membership would show a small increase, but "the undesirable and those not having the true spirit of Masonry in their hearts have been gotten rid of." He instituted one new Chapter, but, owing to sickness early in the year, did not visit as many Chapters as he had planned.

Grand Secretary George J. Roskrue presented his thirty-eighth report and was re-elected. We are sorry to learn, however, that he passed to his reward later in the year, ripe in years and in service and treasured in the hearts of his companions.

There is no Correspondence Report.

12 Chapters. 1,285 members. Net gain, 9.

E.G.I.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

In the report of the Grand Chapter of this Jurisdiction for 1928 we note two emergent Convocations in addition to the Tenth Annual Convocation. All were presided over by M. E. Companion Henry Giegerich, Grand First Principal.

The first emergent convocation was held at Anyox, August 26th, 1927, for the purpose of consecrating Observatory Chapter, No. 25.

The second emergent convocation was held at Victoria October 5th, 1927, with a double purpose: first, to receive and honor the Most Excellent the First Grand Principal of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Scotland, Most Excellent Companion Right Honorable the Earl of Cassillis, on his first visit to the Grand Chapter of British Columbia. He had just come from attending the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, held at Denver, Colorado. The Earl was presented with a parchment certificate of Life Membership in the Grand Chapter of British Columbia and was made an Honorary Past Grand First Principal of the same.

A further purpose of this emergent Convocation was that Grand Chapter might attend in a body an Emergent Convocation of Columbia Chapter, No. 1, at Victoria, called to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the institution of Royal Arch Masonry in British Columbia. At this Convocation a distribution of pennies commemorative of the occasion was made.

Another event of historical significance was the presentation to Columbia Chapter by the First Principal of Camosun Chapter, of a very handsome gavel made of rosewood, a part of a chair brought from Scotland by Sir James Douglas, the first Governor of British Columbia. It was brought to Fort Camosun (now Victoria) in 1843. The wood was presented to Camosun Chapter by Mrs. D. Harris, a daughter of Sir James Douglas.

Tenth Annual Convocation held at Vancouver, June 20th, 1928.

Alberta was represented by R. E. Companion J. W. Prescott, but there is no review of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Alberta in the report on correspondence.

In the Grand First Principal's address, in addition to references to the proceedings of the two Emergent Convocations mentioned above, we note six dispensations granted, three refused; three new Chapters instituted, twenty-two Chapters officially visited.

Under this Jurisdiction there are five districts and 27 Chapters with a membership of 2,756 on December 31st, 1927.

"A sincere expression of sympathy was passed to the Sister Jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Alberta on the great loss which it has recently sustained by the death of M. E. Companion S. Y. Taylor, the first Grand First Principal, and one of the founders of that Grand Chapter."

We thank the Grand Chapter of British Columbia for its sympathy.

J.W.V.

CALIFORNIA

The Seventy-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of California was held at San Diego, April 17th, 1928.

Our Grand Representative, M. E. Companion Charles H. King, an enthusiastic worker and President of the Royal and Select Masters, was present.

The large attendance and the interest shown, as well as the amount of work accomplished, indicate this to be one of the most active of Grand Jurisdictions.

M. E. Companion J. B. McLees gives a lengthy and complete address. He states that his labors were lightened by the hearty assistance of his Grand Lecturer, Deputy Grand Lecturers and others, owing to whose splendid advice he was not called upon to render any decisions. Three new Chapters were constituted, two instituted, and one charter surrendered. He believes that Capitular Masonry in California is on a firmer foundation than ever before, and he also firmly believes that the rendition of the Ritual is of such importance that the Grand Lecturer and his Deputy should visit each Chapter each year. He also says that the funds of Grand Chapter are subjected to too many demands, and that these are not given enough consideration. On his many visits (and he appears to have attended nearly all of the District Meetings) the splendid attendance surpassed his most sanguine expectations. Officers' Associations, which are engaged in a constructive programme for the furtherance of Royal Arch Masonry, are the Officers' Associations of Royal Arch Masons of the Nineteenth District, the Keystone Association of Royal Arch Masons of the Thirteenth District, the Triple Tau Association of Royal Arch Masons of Los Angeles County, and others. On one occasion the Grand Chapter convened in a private park and conferred the Royal Arch Degree, and at another time the First District convened in a portion of the City Park. We wonder if they were absolutely sure that they *were* properly tyled?

The Deputies seem to exercise the functions of our Superintendents and report on the financial and other conditions of the Chapters under their charge. Only one instance is noted where the Book of Marks is not properly kept—a splendid showing.

An amendment to the Constitution, in which the Jurisdiction Committee did not concur and which was not adopted, was that the Grand High Priest do not issue a dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter unless it has the endorsement of all the Chapters in the District. The committee contended that this was not necessary as the Grand High Priest should make a thorough investigation, and be convinced beyond all reasonable doubt that the existence of the new Chapter would tend to the advancement and benefit of Capitular Masonry as a whole. (This is good reasoning IF an occasional Grand High Priest is not found to be too optimistic.)

A resolution to employ a Grand Lecturer, on a full-time salary of \$5,000 a year, and another to increase the per capita tax from 75c to 87c to pay for the same, were deferred until the next Convocation.

One of the laws of this Grand Chapter is that the three principal officers of a Chapter must procure from the Deputy Grand Lecturer a certificate of qualification before he can be installed.

Companion Arthur A. Willoughby is the Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee, and, besides writing a good report, gives many valuable tables of statistics. In his preface he states that whereas in 1927 the form of ritual sponsored by the General Grand Chapter was blamed for the loss in membership, in 1928 the talk has drifted largely to the type of companions who are selected as High Priests and Secretaries. The Grand High Priest of Missouri says that careless Secretaries and indifferent High Priests are largely responsible for the loss of hundreds of members. He cites one instance where the officers were not as proficient or eager to do their work as they might have been. However, when refreshments were passed, he noted that no one called for substitutes. The present problem is, not so much how to gain new recruits, but how to hold those we have and make good Masons out of them.

A table of membership compiled by him shows United States with over 930,000, while other countries, not including Scotland, have over 151,000, or a grand total of 1,081,305 Royal Arch Masons.

He gives Alberta a very favorable review, noting especially that we publish complete statistics of every Chapter.

128 Chapters. 25,987 members. Net gain, 488.

E.G.I.

----- CANADA

The Seventieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada was held in London, on February 22nd and 23rd, 1928.

Our Grand Representative, Companion John K. Brydon, sent his regrets at being unable to be present. Owing to advanced age, he did not attempt to travel in winter.

Many distinguished visitors were received with Grand Honors, among them being Grand First Principal A. B. J. Moore, of Quebec, Past Grand High Priest George King Phillips, of Michigan, Grand

High Priest Samuel E. Forster, of New York, Grand High Priest Walton K. Swetland, of Pennsylvania, and General Grand Master of the Royal and Select Masters O. Frank Hart.

Grand First Principal Kenneth J. Dunstan, concluding his second year, in an excellent address, says: "We can look backward with pride and satisfaction upon an honorable past, and can look forward with hope and confidence to a bright and encouraging future." He mentions the sixtieth anniversary of the Confederation of all parts of Canada into one Dominion. Canada of today has become a nation within an empire; a land with a wonderful heritage, destined by Providence to take her place in due course among the great nations of the world. Concerning "Visitation" he has this to say: "Friendship is the medicine of life. It is gold which does not rust. It has been said that a Mason finds in every clime a brother and in every land a home, and that friendship and fraternal regard must not be confined within the portals of a Chapter room."

He visited fifteen of the sixteen Districts and "everywhere there was abundant evidence of life, vitality and enthusiasm." He ruled that it was not in the best interests of Masonry to allow a club to be called Beaver Chapter Motor Club. He refused to allow Royal Arch regalia to be worn at an At Home in a public place other than a Masonic Temple. As a daughter discussing our Mother Grand Chapters' doings, we would say this was showing sound judgment. Also, he states that "A summons or notice of meeting should not be the avenue to communicate good feelings in the form of jokes or comic verse. The dignity of the Order should be maintained." With regard to decline in membership he asks that "careful consideration be given to the value of retaining the companion; and that personal effort should be exerted to rekindle the interest of an indifferent member." As to Grand Scribe E. Henry T. Smith, he mentions his one fault—that of attempting to do too much, and so over-taxing his health and strength. Alas! how true; as we learn, with deep regret, of his untimely death.

The Grand Superintendents of the sixteen districts in Ontario and one in the Yukon present live and encouraging reports. The Grand First Principal says they "deserve recognition for much work well performed."

The new "Work," which has been adopted by many Grand Jurisdictions in Canada, has "been favorably received."

It was reported that the Chapter meetings were characterized by happiness and contentment, with evidence of thriftiness and prosperity. The officers, generally, were "good men and true, worthy of trust, with well-trained minds and loyal hearts, each giving of his best in the great cause of Masonry."

Ninety-two Chapters reported "No liabilities."

The scrutineers of the ballot for the election of the Grand Officers were duly sworn. The comment of the Reviewer for Washington was "that this was rather an unnecessary proceeding for a Masonic body."

To voice our regard for the Foreign Correspondence Review of M. E. Companion W. N. Ponton (that Napoleon of thought, and one who can put thoughts into words), we cannot do better than quote Oregon's Reviewer: "We wish every one of our Royal Arch Masons could read Companion Ponton's report. Such a wealth of information and pertinent comment is contained in it that it is like reading the year's history in the Capitular world."

In his comments on Alberta the reviewer says: "All reviewers praise the address of Past Grand First Principal Middleton, an outstanding man." He often refers to our Proceedings, approving of our doings. Under Florida, "So regularly do matters Capitalar move along that the address of M. E. Companion Middleton partakes more of the nature of a pastoral letter, replete with encouragement and admonition." Under Idaho, "In the past decade the world has been torn to pieces by a great disaster, politically and morally. We cannot continue in it as it is. It will have to be rebuilt. We have resources enough, man power enough, but we are not good enough. If we are to build our own life here we must have a higher type of personal character." Under Kentucky, "The tendency to rush through the ceremonial work so as to get to the banquet room for the improperly called Fourth Degree is to be decried. The very use of this expression demonstrates the pernicious effect it has, by placing the gastric functions on the same level as the intellectual. When the total expended on refreshment and talent is placed alongside that donated for benevolence, the true significance is apparent. Injudicious expenditure necessitates candidates and this causes undue solicitation." Under Maine, speaking of perambulation of Chapters, he says, "I wonder if it is more hardship for the candidates to go to the Chapter than for the Chapter to go to the candidates. Why not be honest and say it is because the candidates do not care enough for the degrees to go and get them that they are provided an easy method?" Under Massachusetts, "Concerning a deserving candidate without an arm, I have seen a presiding officer with his right arm in a sling confer degrees, having a companion give the signs and grips as he directed, and I doubt any one claiming that the degrees were not regularly conferred." Dr. Kuhn we believe said, "Better wooden limbs than wooden heads." Under Minnesota the Grand High Priest recommended "that every member of a Chapter be required by law to show the current Blue Lodge card when he pays his Chapter dues." Under Nevada,

"I count this thing to be grandly true,
That a noble deed is a step toward God,
Lifting the soul from the common clod,
To a purer air and a broader view."

Under New South Wales, "Even though Scotland may continue to view these Overseas Dominions as Crown Colonies the fact remains that the City of Sydney is the second largest white city in the British Empire, and Australia is now regarded as having a voice in determining the foreign policy of the greatest empire the world has ever known." Under Oregon, speaking of societies which base their membership upon Masonry, "These Fraternal leeches weaken our Masonic bodies by drawing upon our membership and diverting the attention of those who join them from any study or consideration of the principles of Masonry." Under Wisconsin, with regard to a club room in a Masonic Temple, a notice hangs on the wall, "No member of the Lodge shall have the privileges of these rooms while the Lodge is in session; likewise no Chapter member while the Royal Arch Chapter is in session."

His Afterword contains this—"Fraternal Correspondence spreads a magic carpet, enabling us to wander in far-off lands. We see ourselves as others see us. Let us grow and glow together. The Royal Craft standing four square does not permit any narrow national egotism."

155 Chapters. 26,077 members. Net gain, 262.

E.G.I.

COLORADO

The Fifty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Colorado was held in the Masonic Temple at Denver, Colorado, on Thursday the 20th of September, 1928.

M. E. Companion Delmar B. Wright, Grand High Priest, presided. There were present fourteen Past Grand High Priests and several distinguished companions, including the Grand High Priest and the Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska.

The roll of deceased Past Grand High Priests was called by the Grand Secretary. This ceremony was followed by a prayer by the Grand Chaplain and the singing of "One Solemn Thought" by Companion Llewelyn Jones.

The Grand Reresentatives of forty-one sister Jurisdictions were welcomed in felicitous terms by the Grand High Priest. Response was made by M. E. Companion William S. Pickerill the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Alberta. M. E. Companion Pickerill referred to the manifestations of the spirit of service which he had observed in Denver. We quote:

"In thinking of this spirit of service, I could not help but apply it and think of it in connection with Masonry. When I think of the spirit of service in Masonry, I do not mean ostentatious charity, great display or a mammoth cathedral, or things of that kind, but I think of the individual service, the service we render to humanity, that service we render day by day to our fellows; a service that helps a brother or companion to get along, helps him to look higher and seek the better things of life. That individual service I think is the secret of the growth of our organization. It seems to me if this spirit of service was not prevalent in our organization, if it was not filling our hearts, that we would not be an organization of more than 3,000,000 but it is that spirit of service that has made us grow and keep up to what we are."

The annual address of M. E. Companion Wright, Grand High Priest, was confined entirely to an account of his stewardship during the year and chiefly in an enumeration in his various official acts and visitations. These disclose a very full and active year as well as a high degree of appreciation of the responsibility of his position. His welcome to the members of the Grand Chapter and their visitors was not only couched in warm terms of friendly greeting but laden with wisdom. To illustrate:

"The lessons to be derived from Capitular Masonry are valuable only to those who remember them, to those who attend the Chapter meetings and keep them fresh in their minds, and to those who use them in their daily lives. Let me urge you one and all to attend your Chapter meetings, assist your officers to carry on the work of your Chapter so that the maximum amount of good may be derived by your companions, and the community in which you live may feel the beneficent influence of harmonious Masonry at work."

The Grand High Priest reports Capitular Masonry in Colorado in a splendid condition. No troubles, strife, or discord. Harmony and good will prevail among the Craft. Numerically the position of the Grand Chapter is practically stationary, there being a net loss of twenty-three. Financially the Grand Chapter is sound and satisfactory, notwithstanding the very heavy expenses involved in the maintenance of the General Grand Chapter in its Triennial Convocation in Denver in September, 1927.

The report of the Grand Lecturer, R. E. Companion C. L. Young, is a splendid analysis of the actual working conditions of all the Chapters in this Jurisdiction.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by M. E. Companion H. W. Woodward and contains 126 pages printed matter covering most of the Grand Jurisdictions on this Continent, and in many cases two annual reports for the same Jurisdiction. Alberta receives appreciative notice. In his introduction, M. E. Companion Woodward mentions that one of the two outstanding events of the year 1927 was the elimination by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania of the Past Master's Degree as a prerequisite. The bearing of this action on the status of a member of a Pennsylvania Chapter in other Jurisdictions is the subject of comment in a great many of the Proceedings. The other event was the Convocation of the General Grand Chapter in Denver, Colorado, September, 1927, which of course to the Companions of Colorado had a very special interest.

Total membership, 8,124. Net loss, 23.

Corbin E. Robison, Grand High Priest.

William W. Cooper, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

CONNECTICUT

The One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Connecticut was held at Hartford on the 8th of May, 1928.

M. E. Companion Edward A. Klatte, Grand High Priest, presided.

Alberta was represented by Companion Frederick E. Bartholomew.

Delegates were present from forty-four Chapters.

Many distinguished visitors were received with Grand Honors and welcomed to the Grand East.

It would appear that the visitations to the various Chapters are divided among the Grand Officers, a procedure we might well follow. Merit marks are given for the work in the Chapters, such as prompt opening, exemplification of degrees, floor work, neatness of records, book of Marks, members present, etc., which should encourage good work.

44 Chapters. 16,762 members.

Colin S. Buell, Grand High Priest.

George A. Kies, Grand Secretary.

C.A.M.

DELAWARE

The Sixtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Delaware was held at Wilmington, the 18th of January, 1928.

M. E. Companion J. Wallace Woodford, Grand High Priest, presided.

A large number of Past Grand Officers were present.

Alberta was represented by M. E. Companion John W. Macklem.

Many distinguished visitors were present, being received and welcomed with Grand Honors.

The Grand High Priest's address was very brief but to the point, he evidently believing that "Brevity is the soul of wit." He recounts his visits to his own Chapters, and courtesy visits outside the Jurisdiction, and, from the Report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, we learn that much good was accomplished by these visits, for the Royal Craft is on a more substantial basis than for many years.

8 Chapters. 2,023 members.

Frank L. Long, Grand High Priest .

John W. Macklem, Grand Secretary.

C.A.M.

FLORIDA

The Eighty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Florida was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Jacksonville on Tuesday, May the 15th, 1928.

M. E. Companion Cary B. Fish, Grand High Priest, presided.

Distinguished visitors included M. E. Companion Charles Clark Davis, Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and M. E. Companion O. Frank Hart, Grand Master of the General Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters of the United States, and several eminent Masons of the Florida Jurisdiction, including M. W. Leroy Brandon, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., of Florida.

There were thirteen Past Grand High Priests in attendance and thirty-five Grand Representatives of sister Jurisdictions, Alberta not being represented.

M. E. Companion Cary B. Fish, Grand High Priest, in his annual address, mentioned that the Grand Chapter had increased in membership by seventy-one notwithstanding noticeable losses in membership due to suspension for non-payment of dues. He reported the division of the Jurisdictions into fourteen districts, to each of which he had appointed a special deputy.

He paid a striking tribute to Past Grand High Priest M. E. Companion William S. Ware, who passed away during his year of office. The Grand High Priest reported that, according to the custom of Florida, monuments had been erected at the graves of Past Grand High Priests Irving E. Webster, T. G. Hutchinson and Wm. S. Ware.

An interesting feature of this address was the list of clandestine Chapters as compiled by the General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter. There are clandestine Chapters located within the Jurisdictions of twenty-six Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in the United States, six of these having some six to twelve clandestine Chapters.

The Grand High Priest recommends the adoption of the new ritual issued by the General Grand Chapter. The remainder of his address is largely statistical.

The Grand Chapter accepted the report of a Special Committee on ritual and required all Chapters to provide themselves with the new rituals before their next annual meetings. Reference was made to the report of the Special Committee of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma on this question which appeared in the Oklahoma Proceedings for 1927. Among the appendices to the Proceedings are the regulations adopted since the publication of the Digest some years before.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is submitted by M. E. Companion Ely P. Hubbell, and embraces 165 pages of printed matter. This is the outstanding feature of the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter. The report is written in an easy and pleasing style and is very readable as well as highly instructive. We heartily commend this review to every Royal Arch Mason having the time and opportunity to peruse it. Alberta receives appreciative notice.

Total membership, 9,109. Net gain, 71.

R. J. McMaster, Grand High Priest.

Wilber P. Webster, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

GEORGIA

The One Hundred and Fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia was held at the City of Macon the 27th of January, 1927.

M. E. Companion Hugh W. Taylor, Grand High Priest, presided.

Alberta was not represented.

Several distinguished visitors were received and introduced, and accorded Grand Honors.

The Grand High Priest's address was very complete. He notes the increase in suspensions and ascribes it to business depression and to the "lack of fervency and zeal which should actuate all Royal Arch Masons." He shows himself strong on charity as one to whom the widow and fatherless would not appeal in vain. The disbursements to many worthy causes show that the companions of Georgia are still inspired with the generous spirit of the South, e.g.—

Scottish Rite Hospital Children.....	\$ 1,000.00
Educational Fund.....	2,500.00
Fund for furnishing cottage for tubercular children..	12,500.00
	\$16,000.00

A recommendation to grant \$3,000.00 to the Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star for a home for aged women was not concurred in by the Finance Committee.

His decisions are quite in accord with our customs, excepting number four, which we do not permit without dispensation.

C.A.M.

GEORGIA

1928

The One Hundred and Sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Georgia was held at Macon, Georgia, on the 25th day of April, 1928.

M. E. Companion W. Frank Wells, Grand High Priest, presided.

Sixteen Past Grand High Priests were in attendance and forty-eight Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions, Alberta Representative being among those present.

M. E. Companion Wells, in his Annual Address, paid appreciative tribute to the sterling qualities and Masonic achievements of M. E. Companions R. L. Colding and J. C. Joiner, Past Grand High Priests, and R. E. Companion T. J. Carling, Past Grand Secretary, these distinguished companions having passed to their reward during his year of office. The greater portion of his Address was devoted to an account of his official activities during the year, all of which were of undoubted benefit to the Craft in Georgia, but of no general interest to the Royal Craft at large. They evidenced keen interest and enthusiastic labor on the part of the Grand High Priest.

Under the caption "State of the Order," we find the following interesting passages:

"With the exception of lacking interest, which has been the general cry of Masonry for the past few years. I think that Capitular Masonry is holding its own and in many respects there is new interest. It has been my good fortune to go to almost every section in Georgia in my visitations and I find that there is some interest everywhere, but decidedly more in some places than in others. The only thing that I regret most in my year's work is that I have not been able to visit every Chapter individually; because, I am sure that the visit of the Grand High Priest stimulates interest in most every instance."

"I believe that the High Priest and Officers are not studying enough to see what it means and why they were made Royal Arch Masons; and also why more men are not made Royal Arch Masons. I find on so many occasions that they haven't the least conception of the real meaning of these degrees. They don't know how, in many places, to confer the degrees. You know, companions, the ritual means nothing on earth, absolutely nothing, unless you go beyond that ritual—unless you see the symbolism beyond the ritual."

Mention must be made of the report of the Grand Lecturer, M. E. Companion McHan. While he found much to commend, his report also disclosed a lack of interest in a large number of the members, which resulted in small attendances, non-payment of dues, and a long list of suspensions. No solution of these problems is offered. The Grand Lecturer by his energetic labors has endeavored to meet these difficulties and with considerable success.

An interesting report was presented by Companion Charles L. Bass, Director of Masonic Welfare, in relation to the special Educational Fund contributed by the Grand Chapter of Georgia, for educational advantages to boys and girls in the Masonic Home.

The Foreign Correspondence Report of R. E. Companion McCutchen covers forty-four Jurisdictions, including Alberta, which receives generous recognition. This review is highly interesting and

instructive and shows keen appreciation by the reviewer of the activities of the Royal Craft in the Jurisdictions dealt with.

Total membership, 1,781. Net loss, 430.

(Rev.) John Swain, Grand High Priest.

E. A. McHan, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

IOWA

The Seventy-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Iowa was held at Ottumwa on October 18th and 19th, 1928.

Our newly appointed Grand Representative, Companion Lewis J. Clarke, was present, and among the distinguished visitors was M. E. Companion Charles Clarke Davis of the General Grand Chapter.

Grand High Priest Percy E. Brown, a distinguished scholar, a college professor and an authority on soils and soil chemistry and bacteriology, gives a very full, complete and instructive Report. Concerning the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Iowa, he states that the decrease in membership is too large to be passed over lightly, and that something must be done. He suggests the following remedies: 1, regular meetings; 2, better work; 3, more conscientious officers; 4, a working secretary; 5, more social meetings; 6, fellowship meetings; 7, meetings for lectures or study. However, he is not discouraged, as there are a large number of good Chapters and a small number to be classed as fair or poor. He was favorably impressed by the conscientious desire of the officers of many Chapters to do their part.

He recommended, and Grand Chapter approved, the creation of a Service Committee to arrange for speakers, outline talks, prepare lantern slides, gather references and outline a series of lectures, in order to stimulate the desire for "More Light" among the companions.

Among his many decisions were: 1, A petitioner, whose application had been accepted, but who refused to appear for the degrees, cannot have his application fees refunded. 2, Following a previous decision, he would not allow a Chapter to confer degrees in a lodge room, other than that mentioned in their Charter. (He recommended that the privilege be given succeeding Grand High Priests of granting a dispensation to a Chapter for the purpose of conferring degrees in lodge rooms other than their own, but the Committee on Jurisprudence disapproved and it was not adopted.) 3, That the offices of secretary and treasurer could not be held by one companion 4, That it was proper for a Chapter to confer degrees by request on a companion from Montana, although he was living in Nebraska but yet near said Chapter. 5, That a Grand High Priest had no power to grant a dispensation to a Chapter to hold a Regular Convocation at a time other than that provided in its by-laws.

He visited many Chapters and gave much of his time and talents during his year of office. He finds the same old story of a few careless, undependable secretaries who will not turnish reports and so nullify the efforts of the Grand Secretary to compile statistics.

They have three districts in which Schools of Instructions are held, as well as individual schools for Chapters that request them. The seven Deputies or Custodians are paid for each day spent on

such duties. All schools were remarkably successful, and he is convinced that these form an excellent plan for instruction. The Deputies, he reported, did their work well. Three Chapters surrendered their charters.

The Report of the Committee on Necrology contains this beautiful thought:

"It seems such a little way to me
Across to that strange country, the Beyond,
And yet not strange, for it has grown to be
The home of those of whom I am so fond.
They make it seem familiar and most dear
As journeying friends bring distant regions near."

Past Grand High Priest Companion E. M. Willard writes an excellent Foreign Correspondence Report, but failed to receive a copy of our Proceedings.

124 Chapters. 22,519 members. Net loss, 671.

E.G.I.

ILLINOIS

The Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois was held at the City of Chicago on Thursday, the 25th day of October, A.D. 1928.

M. E. Companion Charles S. Andrus presided. The opening prayer of the Grand Chaplain was both impressive and inspiring.

There were twelve Past Grand High Priests in attendance and forty-six Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions, Alberta being represented.

Distinguished visitors included the Grand High Priests of Indiana, Michigan and Missouri, also the General Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Charles C. Davis.

The annual address of M. E. Companion Andrus is a simple narrative of his official acts during the year. No decisions were required of him, and his only recommendation related to an appropriation towards the maintenance of the Royal Arch Memorial Hospital at the Illinois Masonic Home. In the list of official acts of the Grand High Priest are the brief reports of the twenty-seven District Inspectors which, while not containing any matters of outstanding interest, indicated that the interest of the Craft is being maintained notwithstanding some decrease in membership.

The financial position of the Grand Chapter, as disclosed by the report of the Grand Treasurer, appears to be prosperous, the total assets of Grand Chapter being over \$107,000.00.

The report of the Committee on Chartered Chapters contains some rather pointed remarks, from which we quote the following:

"We have arrived at a time in the world's history when all the external forces are more or less unfavorable to a continued growth and expansion along fraternal lines for a few years at least.

"When we are surrounded on every side by a universal disrespect for law.

"When man's love for his fellow man is measured by the number of digits which separate the dollar sign from the decimal point on his bank account, rather than inspired by motives of genuine friendship and mutual understanding.

"When the fireside of the homes are no longer the shrines of American life, as in the days of George Washington and Paul Revere, who laid the foundation stone of Masonry in America.

"When everyone is intoxicated with an insane desire for pleasure and the modern forms of entertainment and diversion. That which appeals to the higher senses of culture and refinement are of little or no interest to them. The ancient legends and antiquities of our fraternity are only of passing moment and it would be surprising indeed if your committee were able to present a report showing a substantial increase in membership. The condition of other Grand Jurisdictions has been proportionately the same, thus leaving the Grand Chapter of Illinois maintaining its Capitular supremacy by a safe and comfortable margin."

The most impressive part of the Proceedings was an oration delivered by Companion John T. Thomas, Grand Chaplain, the central theme being "Values."

The Report of the Committee on Fraternal Relations was presented by M. E. Companion E. R. Turnbull. In his introduction he makes pointed reference to Illinois joining the ranks of those who have sustained a loss in membership. Speaking of Canadian Jurisdictions, he points out that only one has shown a loss and that was very small; in his opinion they appear to have stood the strain of the conditions of the last few years much better than American jurisdictions. We find, however, a cheerful note, as is evidenced by the following:

"There is no reason to be discouraged or to consider the abandonment of any forward movement. All we have lost is money, and money of itself never accomplished anything of importance. The thinkers, the planners, the doers are still with us. Therefore let us carry on."

We regret that Alberta does not appear in his report, our Proceedings not having been received. We trust that these will reach him in future, and that we may have the benefit of a review by this distinguished companion.

Total membership, 90,961. Net loss, 612.

Edward E. Core, Grand High Priest.

James E. Jeffers, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

INDIANA

The Eighty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of Gary on the 17th day of October, A.D. 1928.

M. E. Companion Mark L. Dickover, Grand High Priest, presided; and there were present sixteen Past Grand Masters and forty-three Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions, Alberta being represented by M. E. Companion R. M. H. Britton.

The distinguished guests included the Grand High Priests of the Grand Chapters of Michigan and Illinois, the General Grand High Priest and the General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter. Greetings from the Grand Chapter of North Dakota were received in an interesting letter from M. E. Companion Stockwell, Grand Secretary.

The annual address of M. E. Companion Dickover, Grand High Priest, is in an easy style and contains several matters of interest. After referring to the decrease in membership, he says: "It is my firm belief, however, that our ranks, though thinned by such causes, are all the more firm and united, capable of renewed effort for the upholding of Capitular Masonry in Indiana."

The Grand High Priest reports one consolidation of two Chapters. He recommends the forfeiture of the charter of one Chapter and that another Chapter be placed on probation for six months.

M. E. Companion Dickover deals at some length with the action of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania in respect of the Past Masters degree. He made the following ruling, which was endorsed by the Grand Chapter:

"The Chapters of Indiana cannot accept a Pennsylvania companion for visitation or affiliation even though he may have the Pennsylvania Grand Lodge Past Master degree; the Indiana Capitular degree of Past Master must first be conferred by the Chapter before such recognition. And the same is required of all companions from other Grand Jurisdictions with like limitations as to the Past Master degree."

The financial position of the Grand Chapter appears to be satisfactory, and in general the condition of the Craft, while showing a decrease in membership, is not at all discouraging.

The Grand Lecturer in his report urged the Chapters to continue the exchange of visitations, such being highly beneficial. I quote the following extract, from a very excellent report:

"I frequently hear some deplore the fact that our number is not increasing, and some Chapters are not able to have the desired numbers of petitions. I can appreciate the desire of Chapters to have a reasonable amount of work, yet let the companions remember it is not the great amount of work that is done which really counts, but the quality and high standard of the membership which will recommend our Order to the Master Mason and the world at large.

"Let there be a greater effort to hold the members we have. If every Chapter would, at once, appoint a committee to assist the Secretary in seeing that no companion is suspended for non-payment of dues, you will find your losses will cease. All this may be accomplished with so little effort on the part of each companion."

The outstanding feature of the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter in 1928 was the address of Grand Chaplain Companion (Rev.) Chester W. Wharton, delivered at the annual dinner, the theme being Masonry and Brotherhood. This address is entertaining and inspiring, and one could wish that it might be delivered to every gathering of Royal Arch Masons on this continent.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is presented by M. E. Companion R. A. Woods, under the title of "Annual Capitular Review," this being the eighteenth annual report by this distinguished companion. Unfortunately Alberta Proceedings appear

to have gone astray. I quote the "Conclusion" as indicating the quality and character of these reviews:

"The summer is past, the journey is ended; the complaints, the aspirations, the reflections of the serried workers in the vineyards of Capitular Masonry throughout the world have been heard and considered, and the finding is, that the Royal Masonic child is still being nurtured and its path safeguarded; that notwithstanding its feet have slipped here and there it continues onward safely and with profit; and that, all things considered, it will be many a weary day before it ceases to be a blessing in the land.

"We have lost the careless, indifferent and unprofitable; we still possess the gold, the energy, the enthusiasm of devoted companions. The trial has come; tomorrow bringeth the victory. Our eyes are lifted to the hills of service in educational and charitable fields; we are moving now with purpose, where before we huddled without any objective in mind; and ours shall be the triumph that cometh of devotion to the cause of humanity as we have lately discovered it.

"Let 'Holiness to the Lord' be our inspiration, and service to our fellowman be our profession, as faithful companions of our Holy Royal Order."

Total membership, 32,992. Net loss, 483.

Frederick Russell Clarke, Grand High Priest.

Robert Archer Woods, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

KENTUCKY

The One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, Royal Arch Masons, was held in the Masonic Temple, Louisville, Kentucky, on the 16th of October, 1928.

M. E. Companion Guy T. Johnson, Grand High Priest, presided.

The Grand Representatives of forty-seven other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Kentucky were in attendance, Alberta being among those represented.

M. E. Companion Guy T. Johnson's annual address contained a most feeling tribute to R. E. Companion John W. Bishop, the Grand Scribe of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, who died on March 2nd, 1928, while in office. This was stated to be the first instance in a period of over thirty years where the line in the Grand Chapter of Kentucky had been broken by the Angel of Death. In the same month M. E. Companion R. B. Grider, Grand Chaplain, passed to his reward, the Grand High Priest referring to him as "A man of wonderful magnetism, splendid physique, a champion for the right at all times."

This Jurisdiction is divided into districts coinciding with the congressional districts of the State, and a district inspector is appointed to each by the Grand High Priest.

The greater portion of M. E. Companion Johnson's address deals with matters of purely local interest. Among these matters we note that contributions by the Grand Chapter of Kentucky to the Old Masons' Home have now reached the aggregate of \$88,000.00 Grand

Chapter makes each year an appropriation of 25c per member (which totals about \$5,000.00) to the maintenance of this home.

The report of the Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion G. Allison Holland, contains several matters of general interest, including reference to inter-state courtesies and inter-state request for waiver of jurisdiction.

The Grand Secretary paid the following tribute to the Grand High Priest:

"It has been a distinctive pleasure to do business with Guy Johnson, our Grand High Priest, during the past year. As you know he is always good natured and is seldom in a bad humor. He has kept steadily in view the duties of his office and has performed those duties faithfully and conscientiously. He was not only willing to do his duty but was insistent that all others having official connection with the Grand Chapter should consistently perform theirs. He stands pre-eminent in the sunlight of the Royal Craft, full of Masonic enthusiasm, a student of our mystic philosophies, and learned in the symbolism of our fraternal circles. He has exhibited capabilities of a rare sort in the splendid management of the affairs falling upon the shoulders of the Grand High Priest, and you are to be congratulated."

From the report of the Educational Trustees it appears that \$14,619.05 was expended for fifty wards, an average cost per ward of \$292.38. The Grand Chapter appropriated \$1,000.00 to this work.

The Committee of Jurisprudence recommended that the subordinate Chapters be requested to send their Secretaries to Convocations of the Grand Chapter so as to further qualify them to perform the important duties of their office.

The report of the committee on doings of other Grand Chapters is presented by Excellent Companion William W. Clarke, a Past Grand Master, and makes very interesting and instructive reading. Alberta is not included. We trust Alberta Proceedings in future will reach and be dealt with by him.

Total membership, 17,843. Net loss, 596.

W. O. Rigney, Grand High Priest.

G. Allison Holland, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

LOUISIANA

The Eighty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana was held at New Orleans, February 7th, 1928.

Our Grand Representative, Past Grand High Priest Leon S. Haas, was present, and during the session installed the newly elected Grand Officers.

Forty-seven of the sixty Chapters were represented at Grand Chapter.

Evidently Grand High Priest Charles F. Ratcliff is not entirely satisfied with the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Louisiana, as he states in his address that "conditions generally are at a low ebb, due largely to the disastrous flood in that State by the Mississippi

River." It is noted that several indications appear to show that something is wrong, and that this Grand Jurisdiction is not enjoying the success it might have.

He says that although his duties were many and varied, they had not been, in any sense, onerous. Peace and harmony had prevailed, and he had had the utmost support and loyal co-operation of the Grand Officers. However, regarding the latter statement we note he appointed sixteen Deputy Grand High Priests, who correspond to our Superintendents, but that only four made reports to him, so he was unable to judge of their services.

In this Jurisdiction the Grand High Priest seems to have much power, as he appoints the Deputies as well as the members of all standing committees. He reports visiting four Chapters out of fifty-nine, dedicating the Royal Arch Room in the Masonic Temple, and attending General Grand Chapter at Denver. We wonder if more visitation might not have created greater enthusiasm. He constituted one Chapter, but another surrendered its Charter, although it had been in existence only six years and had 103 members. Surely out of that membership some efficient officers could have been found to carry on the good work.

Among his decisions were: 1, A brother who had lost his left arm could not be accepted to receive the Chapter Degrees. 2, An applicant for degrees, petitioned for and was elected, but failed to receive the degrees. He moved to another jurisdiction, and the Grand High Priest ruled that until one year elapsed he belonged to the first Chapter. However, the Jurisprudence Committee reversed this decision, and gave as their opinion that the applicant belonged to the first Chapter until jurisdiction was waived.

One of the commissions issued was to E. Companion A. D. Campbell, of Edmonton, as the Grand Representative of Louisiana near that of Alberta.

Several dispensations were to elect an officer to replace one who had been removed through some cause during the year, and one was to hold a public installation.

Grand Chapter lost the services through death of Grand Treasurer H. F. Grimm, who had served many years.

Grand Secretary John A. Davilla is the Foreign Correspondent and writes a good review. Alberta for 1927 is given a short report.

59 Chapters. 9,235 members. Net loss, 78.

E.G.I.

MAINE

The One Hundred and Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maine was held at Portland on May 1st and 2nd, 1928.

Grand High Priest Convers E. Leach had a great array of distinguished visitors to welcome, including the General Grand High Priest Charles Clarke Davis, the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, O. Frank Hart, and others from Massachusetts, New York, Connecticut, Vermont and New Hampshire. Sixty-three of the sixty-eight Chapters were represented and forty-seven Grand Representatives answered the Roll Call, including our own worthy Companion, W. Scott Shorey.

The Grand High Priest in Maine has much power as he appoints all the minor Grand Officers and all committees, except that of Finance. He puts his officers to work and assigns to each a certain number of Chapters to inspect and instruct, so that the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe and four District Deputies know just what is expected of them. Each gives a detailed report of his activities and states the condition of each Chapter. In this manner, all but three Chapters received visits during the year.

The Grand Lecturer does not appear to do much visiting, but he calls the Inspection Corps together at least once a year and they go thoroughly over the ritualistic ceremonies. He conducts the Schools of Instruction. This seems to us to be a well organized plan.

The Grand High Priest says: "I am satisfied that we have no cause for alarm, or to be led to think that Capitular Masonry is not making substantial and steady progress." The attendance at Charter, however, seems to be steadily falling off, but he feels sure this is not due to the lack of diligence on the part of the officers or the manner of presenting the work. A few of the Chapters have still to learn that horse-play and the ridiculous have no place in degrees. He says, "Our business, as officers, is to present the degrees in such a manner as to make a deep and lasting impression on the mind of the candidate, so that as he goes about his every day business, he may live a better and nobler life."

The majority of the Chapters are in a prosperous condition. The charter of one Chapter was arrested, it being the first to become defunct since the organization of this Grand Body in 1820, although in past years three weak Chapters had amalgamated with stronger ones. This is abundant evidence of the zeal and high respect in which Capitular Masonry is held in Maine.

He refused to grant a dispensation to set the date of a Chapter's Stated Convocation one week ahead, as he did not feel justified in anticipating the lack of a quorum. He also refused a dispensation for a Chapter to hold a Special Convocation to confer degrees in a Masonic Hall in a town, other than their own, as their Charter states they must meet at a certain location. He attended the Convocation of the General Grand Chapter as well as the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, New York, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

He recommended that: (1) As the Schools of Instruction conducted by the Grand Lecturer were very beneficial, more of them be held. (2) More attention be paid to the registering of the Marks, for in some Jurisdictions it is a great embarrassment to a Royal Arch Mason as a visitor if he does not have his Mark. (3) The preparing and printing of an approved Ritual. (Evidently they do not use the General Grand Chapter Ritual.) (4) That the Grand High Priest be elected to serve two years. (This was adopted and he himself was re-elected.)

We note something peculiar here: In 1902 a regulation was passed that makes a companion elected to the office of Grand King or Grand Scribe ineligible for re-election to either office.

The per capita tax was raised from 25c to 50c per member, which to us does not seem to be by any means too much.

M. E. Companion Thos. H. Bodge is the Foreign Correspondent and produces a first-class Review. He knows how to seize on the main points of the doings of each Jurisdiction. Alberta's Proceedings is well covered.

68 Chapters. 17,838 members. Net loss, 136.

E.G.I.

MARYLAND

1927

The One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maryland was held at Baltimore, December 13th, 1927.

Our Grand Representative, Companion Harry O. Perry, was not present.

Grand High Priest Warren S. Seipp performed his duties well, having visited every one of the twenty-seven Chapters. In this jurisdiction "not a single incident occurred to cause a ripple on the waters of peace."

Like many other true Masons, he is not satisfied with the results of the Degree-mill, for some of the grist "never return to enjoy the fellowship of their companions—never contribute of their time, their brains, or their means to the great cause—never caring or knowing of the wonderful possibilities of the teachings of the great Fraternity." "Others are always giving for the very joy that comes to them because of work well done, and duties faithfully performed. We serve our God by serving our fellow men, and what is more pleasant than a clasp of the hand, a pat on the back, or a word of cheer?—for that is our only reward in appreciation of our labor of love. If we would gain the ascendancy we crave for our Fraternity, and for ourselves, we must at least be willing to bear our share of the burden. Burden, did I say? That which is inspired by love and continued by faith is not work, but pleasure, and the real joy of life is only acquired by service to each other—such is the moral law and the religion of Freemasonry."

He found some Chapters strong, some weak, and some merely existing. He believes that success or failure depends largely upon the personality of the presiding officer. The wheel turns once a year, and because he is in line, good or unfit, a presiding officer is turned out.

M. E. Companion Seipp, besides being Grand High Priest, was also Grand Lecturer and one of the two members of the Committee on Work. The Chapters of Instruction met regularly, but were poorly attended. The City Chapters seemed to prefer to hold their own private rehearsals.

The Board of Inspectors gave great praise to their Grand High Priest for his efforts as Grand Lecturer. They recommended that "all members who shall fail to pay regular dues for two years be suspended," but Grand Chapter did not adopt it.

Eleven members of Grand Chapter, including four beloved Past Grand High Priests, passed to the Great Beyond.

Grand Secretary Gustav A. Eitel was congratulated on his reelection as Treasurer of General Grand Chapter.

Grand Chapter was reported to be in splendid financial condition with a substantial gain in membership.

Owing to temporary disability of Companion (Rev. Dr.) Henry Branch, eighth of the Past Grand High Priests reviewed the Proceedings and issued a Report on Foreign Correspondence.

27 Chapters. 9,980 members. Net gain, 147.

E.G.I.

MARYLAND

1928

The One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maryland was held at Baltimore on December 4th, 1928.

M. E. Companion James M. Rawlings, Grand High Priest.

Alberta not represented.

The Grand High Priest's address showed an active year without anything unusual in either proceedings or dispensations.

He regretfully accepted the resignation of Companion Henry Branch from the chairmanship of the Committee on Correspondence. Companion Howard M. Emmons was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The finances of the Grand Chapter were in excellent condition.

A detail list of all companions in each Chapter of the Jurisdiction was printed in the Proceedings.

The Correspondence Report on Alberta was highly complimentary to M. E. Companion McNab. I quote: "If the Grand Z. had done nothing else for the Craft during his term of office than prepare and deliver his address, he would leave behind him a record of accomplishment to be commended, for his essay on loyalty is a masterly compilation."

27 Chapters. 9,923 members. Net loss for year, 57.

W.M.M.

 MASSACHUSETTS

The One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts was held at Boston, on December 11th, 1928.

M. E. Companion Winthrop J. Cushing, Grand High Priest.

Alberta was not represented.

The Convocation of the Grand Chapter was opened at 9:30 o'clock a.m. and at once given over to the Grand Lecturer who presided in the exemplification of the Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees. In the afternoon R. E. Companion Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Scribe, presided at an exemplification of the Royal Arch degree.

In the evening the Grand Chapter was called to order for business.

M. E. Companion Frederick T. Commee, Grand Secretary, having passed away, R. E. Companion Raymond T. Sewall was elected at the quarterly Convocation of June 12th to fill the unexpired term.

Many distinguished guests were present, Pennsylvania, New York, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Hampshire, Maine, New Jersey, Quebec and Ohio being represented. M. P. O. Frank Hart, proxy for General Grand High Priest Davis, of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, was also a visitor.

Grand High Priest Cushing, in his address, dealt with statistics and seemed to point out the most frequent cause of losses as follows:

"but with the unprecedented number of admissions since the termination of the war, it is but natural that a large number, not only in this but in all other branches of the Fraternity, failing to realize the importance of their obligations to the Order in particular and to Society in general, should find themselves entirely out of sympathy with our doctrines, subsequently losing their identity among their companions, and, eventually, finding themselves beyond the limits of our protection."

Fifteen District Grand Chapters of Instruction were held and "every Chapter in the State participated." The Chapters were stimulated to better effort by being judged and marked "Perfect," "Excellent" or "Good." A fine type of effort and worthy of emulation.

In order to "Co-ordinate efforts of the members of the Fraternity in a demonstration of better understanding of the principles of Masonic Service, Education and Relief," Massachusetts is divided into seven zones, all bodies combining under direction of the "Masonic Service and Education Bureau of Grand Lodge." This arrangement seems so practical that only apathy would appear to prevent its universal use.

M. W. Bro. Frank L. Simpson, M. W. Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, was introduced and tendered M. E. Companion Cushing the highest honor in the gift of his Grand Lodge, the Henry Price Medal.

The Grand Chapter has an invested fund of \$123,559.29.

Alberta was most courteously reviewed by R. E. Companion Raymond T. Sewall, who joins the Round Table of reviewers.

94 Chapters. 41,537 members. Net loss, 294.

Winthrop J. Cushing re-elected Grand High Priest.

Raymond T. Sewall, Grand Secretary.

W.M.M.

MICHIGAN

1927

The Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan was held at Grand Rapids on the 18th and 19th of May, 1927.

Alberta was represented by E. Companion Charles W. Mixer.

Among the distinguished visitors received were M. E. Companion Kenneth J. Dunstan, Grand First Principal, R. E. Companion Edwin Smith, Grand Secod Principal, M. E. Companion Richard H. Spencer, R. E. Companions Thomas L. Cochrane and William Hughes from the Grand Chapter of Canada.

M. E. Companion George K. Phillips, Grand High Priest, had a very pleasurable year of office.

One Chapter had its charter, seal and records taken up because it could not get a quorum to hold its annual meeting, and later, a quorum to discuss dissolution of the Chapter. This Chapter had a membership of 40.

Dispensations were refused:

(1) To a Chapter to receive and ballot on applications before it should in February, because the candidates wished to finish the Commandery in time to take the Shrine in May.

This Chapter was informed that Royal Arch Masonry is not a mill or machine for the purpose of rushing candidates through to enable them to take some of the so-called "higher bodies." (Those of us who have the interests of Royal Arch Masonry at heart will readily concur with these sentiments.)

(2) To a Chapter to receive an application from a brother whose Craft Lodge was in Sweden. Because Sweden was not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

One Chapter wished to go to a town other than where it regularly held its meetings, in order to confer the Mark Master, Past Master and Most Excellent Master degrees. This was ruled as illegal.

Among the Fraternal Visits paid during the year was one to the Grand Chapter of Canada at Ottawa.

Recommendation was made to Grand Chapter that the registration of the Mark be made mandatory, stating that in the majority of States and foreign countries this was compulsory. It is the only personal insignia in all Masonry that has been handed down through the ages that may be worn at all times—but only by a Royal Arch Mason.

An Emergency and Benevolent Fund showed receipts of \$7,049.22, and disbursements of \$4,899.22, \$1,000.00 of which was for Mississippi flood relief and \$500.00 for Florida storm relief.

In the Foreign Correspondence, Alberta is very signally honored by having an exhaustive review of our twelfth Annual Proceedings covering three full pages in their Annual Report.

168 Chapters. 49,059 members. 2,011 exalted during year. 2,260 gain in membership for year.

J.V.F.

MICHIGAN

1928

The Eightieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Michigan was held at Battle Creek on May 16th and 17th, 1928.

M. E. Companion Stanley A. Farnum, Grand High Priest.

Alberta Representative, Companion Charles W. Mixer, present.

Many distinguished guests were present, among them M. E. Companion Edwin Smith, Grand First Principal, Grand Chapter of Canada, who was accompanied by R. E. Companion Henry T. Smith, Grand Scribe E., and Companion Oliver Elwood.

Attendance 289. 154 Chapters were represented.

Grand High Priest Farnum's address told of a busy year of routine with no unusual matters to be dealt with.

In the Grand Treasurer's report we notice interest on a Dominion of Canada bond. This, however, was exchanged for bonds of the

Commonwealth of Australia—and at a profit apparently, Dominion of Canada 5 per cent are quoted well up.

Eighty Chapters showed a gain; sixty-seven a loss; twenty no gain or loss.

A motion to discontinue services of Grand Lecturer and apportion the work among Grand Officers was defeated.

The Grand Lecturer made many visitations. We note: "After a banquet at 6:30 the Chapter was opened in an extra good manner, after which the Mark Master degree was conferred in a very impressive manner. . . . The thermometer registered 90 degrees in the Lodge room but over 75 were present and stayed until the finish." There should be at least an honour roll engrossed for that gallant 75.

R. E. Companion C. A. Conover, Grand Secretary, appends another section of his very excellent study on the History of the Royal Arch degree. His book will be most valuable to Masonic students.

Review of Alberta's Proceedings was in a most friendly spirit.

167 Chapters. 47,132 members. Net loss, 288.

Elgin Mifflin, Grand High Priest.

Charles A. Conover, Grand Secretary.

W.M.M.

MINNESOTA

The Sixty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Minnesota was held in the Masonic Temple in the City of St. Paul on Tuesday the 9th day of October, A.D. 1928. M. E. Companion Charles V. McCoy, Grand High Priest, presided. All the Grand Officers were present. Fourteen Past Grand High Priests were in attendance. Grand Representatives from thirty-five other Grand Jurisdictions were present, including M. E. Companion Frank H. McCuskey representing Alberta.

The outstanding feature of these proceedings was the annual address of M. E. Companion McCoy—an eloquent and inspiring message to the Grand Chapter. Most feeling reference was made to those companions who had during the year passed to the Great Beyond.

The Grand High Priest visited twenty Chapters during the year and reported finding conditions satisfactory.

We note the following decisions given by the Grand High Priest:

(a) No one man can occupy two separate offices in the Chapter at one and the same time.

(b) A Past High Priest, life member of his Chapter, is suspended by the Chapter for non-affiliation upon his being stricken from the roll of his Craft Lodge. The striking of a life member from the roll of his Craft Lodge appears to automatically deprive him of his rights as a Capitular Mason without action on the part of the Chapter, and a simple notice from the Secretary of the Chapter to that effect would be all that is necessary.

The Grand High Priest devoted a considerable part of his address to a very interesting description of the visits made by himself and

other members of Grand Chapter to Chapters at Kenora, Ontario, Fort Frances, and Winnipeg, Manitoba. The value of these international visits was stressed as being conducive to increased feelings of good will between the Royal Arch Masons in the two countries, as well as better understanding of the ideals and workings of Capitular Masonry in the different Jurisdictions fortunate in enjoying these fraternal advantages.

Under the caption, "The State of the Rite" M. E. Companion McCoy makes some very wise and pertinent observations. He believes that it is not the annual dues which are responsible for the withdrawals and striking from the rolls, and that the degree fee is not prohibitive to membership to any great extent. He thinks the existence of what might be termed "Chapter Spirit" makes all the difference between success and failure in the work of a Chapter. Speaking of Chapters which are not successful he makes the following observation:

"I believe that the fault lies with the officers and primarily with the High Priest and Secretary of Chapters of this caliber. A careful inventory of the intangible assets of a Chapter should be taken at its every meeting. Its High Priest should give thought to its improvement, its prestige, its position and its growth in every way. It should have an objective and an aim in its life. No Companion should accept the office of High Priest of his Chapter and the honor that goes with it unless he forms a firm and steadfast resolution to in some way better his Chapter during the year in which he is at its head. It is the duty of the Secretary to send out notices of the Chapter meetings; to make those notices in some manner attractive to the members so that the attendance will not flag. It is also his duty to collect all outstanding dues. If dues are paid currently as they should be, the amount is really too small generally to be a burden upon any of the Companions, but if they are allowed to accumulate unpaid for two, three, four or sometimes even five years, they amount to an item which is almost sure to result in the loss of a member by suspension."

Referring to the Grand Secretary, M. E. Companion John Fishel, M. E. Companion McCoy describes him as "At all times a tower of strength, a pillar of wisdom and an object of glorious beauty," and designates him as the grand old man of Minnesota Masonry. M. E. Companion McCoy's address is permeated throughout with the true spirit of fraternalism, and must have been a source of inspiration to the entire Grand Chapter membership privileged to hear it.

The report of the Grand Lecturer, M. E. Companion Wm. J. Dutcher, who was newly appointed by M. E. Companion McCoy when assuming office as Grand High Priest indicated a keen interest in the duties of his office, and zeal and energy in carrying out his programme of activities designed to arouse interest in the Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction. Under the direction and guidance of two such enthusiastic and able Craftsmen as the Grand High Priest and the Grand Lecturer for 1928, the Grand Chapter of Minnesota could not fail to make substantial progress.

The reviewer had the privilege of meeting M. E. Companion W. E. Pool who came into office as Grand High Priest in October, 1928, at the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota held at Fargo, North Dakota, in January, 1929, and feels sure that the good work done and the progress achieved in 1928 will be continued under the guidance of M. E. Companion Pool.

The review of Foreign Affairs was presented by R. E. Companion Charles S. Schurman. It covers the proceedings of fifty-three Grand

Jurisdictions including the proceedings of General Grand Chapter triennial meeting held in September, 1927, Alberta not being included. We quote his conclusion:

"The work is finished again, and we are presenting to you the result of our investigation in the hope that some things may be found which will help the Chapters, and that something may be added to the common stock of knowledge of our companions. The weak spots in our own Grand Jurisdiction seem to be the same as those which affect many others. The trouble seems to be as to how to retain the interest of the members, and the consensus of opinion, I think, seems to be that it requires gray matter in the top of the head of the leading officers. Nothing that is worth while ever fails which is properly manned. But Chapters do not just happen to be successful. It requires careful planning, and ability in constructive leadership. Where you have that you have success, and where you do not have it more or less failure is imminent. It behooves Masonic bodies to elect officers with the idea of their standing and ability rather than their 'good fellow' qualities, and because they are in the 'line.'"

Total membership 1,778. Net gain, 34.

W. E. Pool, Grand High Priest.

John Fishel, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

MISSISSIPPI

The Eightieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Mississippi was convened at the City of Meridian, Mississippi, on the 29th day of May, 1928.

M. E. Companion Whitaker, Grand High Priest, presided.

There were present eleven Past Grand High Priests and the Grand Representatives of thirty-four sister Jurisdictions, Alberta being represented by R. E. Companion Thomas E. Moody, Deputy Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion Whitaker, in presenting his Annual Address, confined himself mainly to a recital of his official acts and activities during his year of office. He was able to visit only a small number of the Chapters in his Jurisdiction owing to being in poor health for much of that period. He pointed out that the disbursements for the year had been much increased by three or four unusual expenditures aggregating \$2,800. Notwithstanding this heavy burden the financial position of the Grand Chapter appeared to be sound although the year ended with a deficit of about \$600. Another factor contributing to this result was a reduction in the per capita tax of 25c per member which was effective in 1928.

The Grand High Priest recommended that the number of Deputy Grand High Priests be increased from one to eight, that they be known and designated as District Deputy High Priests, and that the Jurisdiction be divided in eight districts, and these allocated to the eight District Deputy Grand High Priests. The Grand Chapter agreed to the division of the Jurisdiction into districts, but allocated them to existing Grand Chapter officers.

The outstanding feature of the proceedings of this Jurisdiction is the report of Companion W. H. Carter, the Grand Lecturer. It is a lengthy and interesting document in which the Grand Lecturer gives a very full account of his own personal activities through the year and of the organization which he had built up to carry out the work planned by him. He appears to have enlisted a zealous band of co-workers and the result of their labors will no doubt become evident as time goes on; they most certainly are bound to be effective if Companion Carter continues in this work in the future.

The Grand Chapter levied a per capita tax of 25c upon the subordinate Chapters for the current year only for the increase of the fund for higher education of the High School Graduates of Masonic Homes to be expended under the direction of the Board of Managers.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is presented by M. E. Companion H. C. Yawn. We quote from his introduction:

"In my search for items of interest or instruction to be laid before you, I have found no outstanding questions that have engaged the special attention of the reporters, nor which have elicited any general discussion. With few exceptions, there have been net losses in membership in all Grand Jurisdictions. This, however, occasions little concern, since it is generally believed that the loss is attributable to the rigid enforcement of delinquent dues statutes."

The Review covers fifty-nine Jurisdictions in which Alberta receives quite generous recognition. It is of an excellent literary quality and contains much matter of an inspiring character.

Total membership 7,412. Net loss, 206.

Louis A. Benoist, Grand High Priest.

Edward L. Faucette, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

MISSOURI

1927

The Eighty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri was held on April 26th, A.D. 1927, in the Auditorium of the Marshall High School, in the City of Marshall, Missouri.

M. E. Companion Edward W. Taylor, Grand High Priest, presided.

There were present Grand Representatives of fifty-three other Jurisdictions, Alberta being included.

A very cordial address of welcome to the Grand Chapter was delivered by Companion (Rev.) Thomas B. Mather. Among distinguished visitors were the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of Missouri and the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Missouri.

The address of the Grand High Priest contained no matters of outstanding importance, but indicated that the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Missouri was healthy and active. During the year

he made thirty visitations within his own Jurisdiction, indicating a very busy year in his official duties.

Mention is made of a contribution to the sufferers in the Florida disaster, and of a uniform receipt for dues in the form of a card.

A conference of the Chapters in the northwestern part of the State was held during the year and proved quite successful.

Under the Bylaws of this Grand Chapter "a candidate may petition any Chapter in the State for the degrees excepting where the petitioner resides in a city or town where there is an established Chapter."

The report of the Committee on Necrology contained fitting tribute to M. E. Companion David M. Wilson and Alexander M. Dockery, Past Grand High Priests, who passed from this life during the year under review. Suitable reference was also made to the passing of distinguished Royal Arch Masons in several other Jurisdictions in the United States. We quote:

"The average age of these companions was nearly seventy-two years. This means that they gave a half century of useful and honourable service to the various commonwealths in which they lived. The long service they gave to Freemasonry showed them to be worthy of the companions of old who returned to Jerusalem to help, aid and assist in the noble and glorious work of rebuilding their city and the House of the Lord without the hope of fee or reward. The laborer is worthy of his hire and every man has a right to expect a fair compensation for his work, but the best work we do is the service we render our fellow men without the hope of fee or reward, and it is the glory of Freemasonry in all its branches that it affords us so many opportunities to render unselfish service to our fellow men."

The lengthy report of the Grand Lecturer details his visits to sixty-nine Chapters, some of which were visited more than once. He found the condition of the Craft good in spite of the fact that Grand Chapter suffered a numerical loss in 1926.

The report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence was presented by Companion Frank A. Marshall, who had been appointed by the Grand High Priest to carry on this work following the lamented death of M. E. Companion David M. Wilson, who for so many years had been Fraternal Correspondent of this Grand Jurisdiction. This report is very able and interesting and if Companion Marshall continues in these labours he will doubtless prove a worthy successor to M. E. Companion Wilson. Alberta receives appreciative notice.

Total membership, 35,600. Net loss, 176.

James A. Kinder, Grand High Priest.

Ray V. Denslow, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

MISSOURI

1928

The Eighty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri was held on Tuesday, the 24th day of April, A.D. 1928, in Presser Hall, Hardin College, in the City of Mexico, Missouri.

M. E. Companion Joseph A. Kinder, Grand High Priest, presided.

An official welcome was extended by Dr. J. P. Craft, President of Hardin College, to which suitable response was made by R. E. Companion Waldron, Deputy Grand High Priest. Distinguished visitors included M. E. Companion Charles Andrus, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, and M. E. Companion E. R. Turnbull, Past Grand High Priest from Illinois, as well as several other distinguished Masons of Missouri holding high office in other branches of Masonry. The Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter was represented by M. E. Companion Olaf A. Lucas under a personal proxy. All of these distinguished brethren were introduced and accorded the usual honors, and given an opportunity to address the Grand Chapter. There were in attendance thirteen Past Grand High Priests and forty-nine Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions, Alberta's representative being present.

The Annual Address of the Grand High Priest is an interesting review of his activities. He made thirty-six visitations, some of which took two or three days, and thereby came in close contact with the Royal Arch Masons in his Jurisdiction. He was able to speak from experience concerning the condition of the Craft, and was optimistic of the future prospects of Royal Arch Masonry in Missouri, notwithstanding that there had been a decrease in membership for two consecutive years. He says:

"Wherever I have gone, the loyalty and enthusiasm of those in charge indicate that our Chapters are in good working order and are going forward. Eloquent proof of the good that comes from loyalty, devotion and enthusiasm will be presented to this Grand Chapter by Pike Chapter, No. 86, of Louisiana, which has for several years suffered from inactivity, but is now present with all its officers and will exemplify the Royal Arch Degree before the members of the Grand Chapter this afternoon."

He reports contributions by Grand Chapter of \$500 to South Missouri's flood relief and by the Chapters of \$1,300 to the Mississippi flood sufferers.

The greater portion of his address is taken up in matters of local interest and in giving detailed reports of his visitations. We quote from his conclusion:

"The righteous purposes of Royal Arch Masonry challenge our most devoted loyalty and service and perhaps now, more than at any time in the past, needs our enthusiastic leadership. Let us hope more for a true understanding and appreciation of the profound truths of Royal Arch Masonry, than for numbers alone. Let us dedicate ourselves to the earnest and sincere purpose of fortifying our faith in the great truths and tenets of our Royal Craft and by courtesy, kindness and the strength of our own convictions induce our Companions everywhere to a renewal of devotion and loyal service to the Fraternity."

The other outstanding parts of these Proceedings are the Report of the Committee on Necrology and the Report of the Grand Lecturer M. E. Companion George C. Marquis, who seems to have won the hearts of all the Royal Arch Masons in Missouri, and we can readily understand that his efforts in getting the Chapters to combine in well-attended and enthusiastic meetings could not fail to be successful when inspired by his zeal, energy and goodwill. It would appear that the Royal Craft owes a great deal to the efforts of the Grand High Priest and the Grand Lecturer during the period under review.

The Report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence is presented by M. E. Companion Corona H. Briggs, and consists of eighty-four printed pages of comment on the activities of the various Jurisdictions reviewed, written in pleasing literary style, and covering interesting incidents and achievements.

Alberta receives pleasing and appreciative notice.

Total membership, 34,656. Net loss, 944.

Rion L. Waldron, Grand High Priest.

Ray W. Denslow, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

MONTANA

1927

The Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Montana was held on Melita Island, Flathead Lake, on the 12th of July, 1927.

M. E. Companion Charles Sydney Bell, Grand High Priest, presided.

The Grand High Priest, in his concise and business-like address, regrets that he was unable to crowd five years' work into one, yet having done all in his power to maintain the harmony and zeal that should always obtain among Royal Arch Masons, should content himself by saying with the Sacred Writer, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished my course."

Many distinguished visitors were accorded the customary reception, to which they made suitable replies.

We are in sympathy with the Notice of Motion to employ only Masonic male help in the office of Grand Secretary. We do not permit the fairer sex to become members of our Fraternity, then why employ them in such important positions?

They would appear to be working very close to the line in financial matters, yet have built up an Educational Fund of \$5,000.00 which they turned over to the Grand Commandery. This appears to be somewhat peculiar. Why not administer it themselves?

30 Chapters. 4,788 members.

Edward W. Spottswood, Grand High Priest.

Luther T. Hauberg, Grand Secretary.

C.A.M.

MONTANA

1928

The Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Montana was held in the Asylum of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar on Melita Island in Flathead Lake, Montana, on the 3rd day of July, 1928.

M. E. Companion Edward W. Spottswood, Grand High Priest, presided.

M. E. Companion O. Frank Hart was in attendance under the proxy from the Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, M. E. Companion Charles Clark Davis. M. E. Companion Hart was accorded a very cordial welcome and apparently won the hearts of the Montana companions not only by the excellence of his addresses but also by his genial and kindly personality.

There were in attendance twelve Past Grand High Priests, and Grand Representatives of thirty sister Jurisdictions, including Alberta's representative, M. E. Companion David Craig.

M. E. Companion E. W. Spottswood, Grand High Priest, in opening his Annual Address referred to the beautiful surroundings in which their Convocation was being held. His Address is a complete narrative of his official acts. He had apparently no outstanding difficulties to meet and no recommendations of a general nature were made, although several of local interest were suggested by the Grand High Priest.

The condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Montana appears to be satisfactory. Their financial position is sound and free from difficulties. The condition of the Chapters appears to be on the whole satisfactory, and throughout the Jurisdiction there appears to be keen interest in the individual Chapters with no particular weakness in any of the Chapters. By comparison with many of the Grand Chapters, Montana's standing and position may be considered quite favorable.

The report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence was presented by the Past Grand High Priest, H. S. Hepner, who reviewed fifty-six Jurisdictions, among these Alberta receives appreciative comment. M. E. Companion Hepner appends to his report a very interesting conclusion from which we quote at some length:

"Capitular Reviewers have likened their labors of Correspondence Committee to trips, voyages, and flights on foot and horseback, by wagon and automobile, by balloon and airplane, to Capitular quarries and vineyards, and finally landing safely into their respective sanctum sanctorums, pleased at the end of the effort and full of optimism for the future, with here and there a note of pessimism sounded more as a warning rather than as an expression of ill-content.

"Our work for the year, under whatever cognomen it may be designated, is ended.

"We have reviewed all proceedings coming into our hands. Grand Chapters have met and listened to addresses of Grand High Priests; some were good and others passable. Membership statistics show a total of increase in the Capitular world, with quite a number of Jurisdictions sustaining losses.

"Many Grand Chapters have joined with Grand Commanderies in Educational and Student Loan programs; much good has been accomplished.

"And yet we feel that the Royal Arch has not yet found itself; some great humanitarian purpose will come to it, engaging in its efforts, which will crown Capitular Masonry with everlasting glory."

Total membership 4,788. Net loss, 88.

Ray M. Armour, Grand High Priest.

Luther T. Hauberg, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

NEBRASKA

The Sixty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska was held at Omaha, December 5th and 6th, 1928.

Alberta Representative, Dr. Hayes Gsantner, not present.

M. E. Companion Harford N. Rosebush, Grand High Priest, a builder by occupation, was much hampered in his work during the year by the necessities of his home town, McCook, which suffered severely from a tornado.

During the year he was called on to provide authentic Installation Ceremonies, not usually a lack in a 62 year old Grand Chapter.

No activities of particular note to speak of.

56 Chapters. 8,385 members. Net gain, 28.

Harry S. Villars, Grand High Priest.

Lewis E. Smith, Grand Secretary.

Alberta not reviewed.

W.M.M.

NEVADA

The Fifty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Nevada was held in the Masonic Temple at Reno, Nevada, on Tuesday the 12th day of June, 1928.

M. E. Companion Edward A. Ducker, Grand High Priest, presided.

There were fourteen Past Grand High Priests in attendance and twenty-six Grand Representatives of sister Grand Chapters, Alberta not being represented. All Grand Officers were present.

The Annual Address of the Grand High Priest gave a full report of his official acts and visitations to the Chapters under his Jurisdiction. In speaking of the Condition of the Rite in Nevada he pays tribute to the faithful companions who, in spite of difficulties and discouragements, are upholding the best traditions of the Craft. He spoke of the numerical position as being normal and recommended increased perseverance by the interested companions in their efforts to interest their fellow companions in the work of the Chapters.

We quote from the concluding part of the Address the following extracts as containing the Grand High Priest's central theme in his Addresses to the companions of Nevada throughout the year:

"I have pictured as best I could the beautiful relation and correlation between Royal Arch Masonry and Ancient Craft Masonry, and how the former is a rounding out in full and complete beauty of the Masonic life—a giving of something to satisfy and animate its spirit and quest. Emphasis has been placed upon the truth that each companion is charged with the understanding, with the interpretation and with the service of Capitular Masonry to itself and to humanity, and to this end I have urged a study of its history, its philosophy and purpose and have counseled the companions to guard

against the demoralizing influence of apathy or indifference. Masonry's great errand on earth is in the hearts of men—the brotherhood of man under the Fatherhood of God. We are embarked on something more than a business enterprise, we are on the high seas of a great moral and spiritual adventure. How important then it is that our great institution be permeated with affection felt and manifested towards one another.”

A very interesting and stimulating Address by the Grand Orator, M. E. Companion H. W. Miles, Past Grand High Priest, is published in the proceedings. We quote one extract:

“Believing, as I do, that a study of the background for the setting of the story of the Jewish nation will help to make the study of Capital Masonry interesting, I am going to call your attention to three books which may be found in your Public Library:

“Croly's ‘Tarry Thou Till I Come’; Pickard's ‘In the Palace of Amuhia’; Davis's ‘Belshazzar’.

“The first, for at least a description of the Temple; the second, for scenes in the life of the Hebrews during the exile in Babylon; the third, because it presents a vivid picture of the rule of the mighty Belshazzar, the fall of Babylon, followed by the order of Cyrus, liberating the captives that had been so long a time held in bondage.”

The financial condition of the Grand Chapter appears to be satisfactory.

No review of the proceedings of Foreign Jurisdictions appears.

Total membership 642. Net loss, 17.

Lawrence W. Semenza, Grand High Priest.

Frank D. King, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The One Hundred and Ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New Hampshire was held in Freemasons Hall in the City of Concord, New Hampshire, on Tuesday, May 15th, 1928.

M. E. Companion James Littlefield, Grand High Priest, presided.

There were present ten Past Grand High Priests and thirty-two Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions, Alberta not being represented.

Distinguished visitors included the Grand High Priests of the sister Jurisdictions of Maine and Massachusetts and other distinguished visitors from the Jurisdictions of Connecticut, New York and Rhode Island. The Grand Master of Masons in New Hampshire and the Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in New Hampshire were also in attendance.

The Grand High Priest in his Annual Address paid tribute to the “fellow-worshippers in the temple” who had been called to the Great Beyond since the last Annual Convocation and gave a brief account of the Masonic records of the departed companions.

The major portion of his Address was devoted to an account of his visits to the Chapters under his guidance during the year and other official visitations including visits to the Grand Jurisdictions of Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, to the fortieth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter at Denver, Colorado, and to the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association.

Regarding the state of the Craft we quote the following:

"Although the interest in some branches of our fraternity has been languishing for the past few years, I am pleased to report that Capitular Masonry is giving unmistakable evidence of a reviving interest, particularly in the smaller Chapters."

The Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand King, and the Grand Scribe submitted reports of the visits to various Chapters throughout the Jurisdiction. It would appear that Royal Arch Chapters in New Hampshire have had ample guidance and support from the Grand Chapter officers during the year 1928.

The report on Foreign Correspondence comprises ninety pages of very interesting reading submitted by M. E. Companion Charles B. Spofford. Alberta receives a brief but appreciative review. This report is by far the most interesting and instructive part of these proceedings.

Total membership 5,843. Net loss, 32.

Ralph W. Junkins, Grand High Priest.

Harry M. Cheney, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

NEW JERSEY

The Seventy-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Jersey was held at Trenton on May 9th, 1928.

R. E. Companion William H. Pike answered for Alberta at the Roll Call of Grand Representatives. This Grand Chapter is to be congratulated on having fifty-three out of sixty-one Grand Representatives present.

Many distinguished visitors were introduced, welcomed and escorted to the Grand East, among them being M. E. Companion Edward A. Klatte of Connecticut, Walter K. Swetland of Pennsylvania, Jesse Ames of Massachusetts, Samuel S. Forster of New York, F. L. Long and George O. Fearon of Delaware.

This Convocation was saddened by the death in February of Grand Secretary M. E. Companion Abram A. Reger.

The address of Grand High Priest Charles D. McCracken shows him to have been an active and enthusiastic officer. He visited many of the nearby Grand Chapters, and many of the Chapters and District Meetings of his own Jurisdiction. He mentions one unique gathering, the High Priests Association of the Ninth Capitular District, which is composed of the High Priests of the District, who meet once a month to become better acquainted, discuss problems and foster friendship and good will. He issued a dispensation to a Chapter to hold its annual election on December 9th instead of the 23rd, and for which he

would be criticized by some Masonic leaders for anticipating the lack of a quorum, which might not occur, and for changing a date set by law. Concerning a companion from another Grand Jurisdiction, where some of the four degrees of their Royal Arch Masonry are not conferred, he gave the decision, "If such companion desires to affiliate or visit he shall be required to take the obligation of the degree of which he is deficient and not, necessarily, have the whole degree conferred on him."

Besides a Chapter of Instruction in each of the twelve Districts the Grand Lecturer and his faithful corps of deputies held six Schools of Instruction. He received the thanks of M. E. Companion McCracken for "the noble work so faithfully and capably done," and was said to be a devoted, proficient and a tactful student of Masonry. Each of the twelve District Deputies presented a report all showing peace and harmony prevailing; good work being done by the officers of the Chapters and a keen interest being shown by the companions. The Deputies make it a point to visit, at least once, each of the Chapters.

The Grand Chapter, according to the various reports, is in a healthy condition, prosperous and full of the right Masonic spirit. Fifty-four of the fifty-eight Chapters were represented at Grand Chapter.

A "Notice of Motion" given was that "in Grand Chapter elections, after the second ballot all the names, except those who have received the highest and next highest number of votes, shall be dropped from the ballot."

Companion (Rev.) A. Boylan Fitz-Gerald, besides being the Grand Chaplain, is also Chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee. In his excellent Review of 246 pages it is clearly shown that he has spent much time and thought. He has a free and easy style of writing. He does not quote much, but gives the outstanding features of each Proceedings in his own language in a clear and readable diction, with plenty of comment.

A few of his comments are:

Under Alberta—"The Grand First Principal found it necessary to remonstrate about the loose way companions had of talking to outsiders about work that was transacted in Chapter. It does not seem as though this kind of an admonition should be needed."

We, personally, must thank him for his hearty congratulations on the occasion of this writer being honored by being elected an Honorary Life Member of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan.

Under British Columbia—concerning the law that a demitted Craft Lodge Mason can remain in good standing in the Chapter, he says: "This really does not seem fair, for when one talks to a Royal Arch Mason he also feels that he has a right to talk to a Craft Lodge Mason at the same time." Another item he mentions about British Columbia is that "a Chapter can not hold a meeting at any other place than that stated in the Charter." The Grand High Priest of South Dakota gave the same ruling.

58 Chapters. 20,471 members. Net gain, 238.

E.G.I.

NEW MEXICO

The Twenty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New Mexico was held at Las Cruces, February 24th, 1927.

This Grand Chapter has no Grand Representatives.

Its membership is small and it seems a struggle for it to prosper. It may be from lack of interest as only four High Priests, three Kings and two Scribes were present, although all Chapters except one were represented, but many by proxies. The finances are in good shape and they have a fine Masonic Home Fund.

Grand High Priest George D. Robinson met with an accident early in his year and was able to visit only one Chapter other than his own. He appointed eight District Deputies.

The proposed appointment of Grand Representatives was rejected but the resuming of the work on Foreign Correspondence met with approval.

One decision was, "that a Chapter could not dispense with its regular Convocations during the summer months." He suggested that educational topics rather than degree work be the business of these meetings.

One Chapter sent its report in late and when it did arrive it was accompanied by \$10, to pay the fine for its tardiness.

16 Chapters. 2,107 members. Gain, 33.

E.G.I.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Quarterly Convocations of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of New South Wales were held at Sydney on February 8th, May 9th, November 14th and a Special Convocation on December 8th, 1928.

M. E. Companion Neville W. Montagu, First Grand Principal

Alberta representative, Companion Charles E. Abbott, was not present.

The report of the First Grand Principal deals chiefly with his visitations. He notes that contributions from the various Chapters materially assisted in purchasing a cottage for the widow and daughter of M. E. Companion S. Scott-Young—a truly practical and Masonic deed.

Owing to ill health the Grand Scribe E., R. E. Companion David R. Hutchison was compelled to resign from the Grand Committee. As a mark of their appreciation of his valuable worth, he was voted an honorarium of £112.10.0.

The report of the Grand Inspector of Workings shows that he and his Deputies are careful and attentive in the discharge of their duties.

They have many Chapters, some with a very small membership. Conditions must be very different in New South Wales from Alberta. I am afraid we could not successfully function here with so small a membership per Chapter.

74 Chapters. 3,728 members. An increase of 4 Chapters and 100 members.

Neville W. Montagu, First Grand Principal.

F. R. Sinden, Grand Scribe E.

C.A.M.

NEW YORK

The One Hundred and Thirtieth Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York was held at Albany, February 1st, Anno Inventionis 2457 M. E. Washington A. Russell, Grand High Priest, presiding.

Alberta was represented by E. Companion Romine Williams.

Among interesting items in the proceedings we note:

The repetition of the Lord's prayer by the assembled companions after extemporary prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The reception with Grand Honors, each in his official capacity of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New York; the Grand Master of the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters; Representative of the Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree, Scottish Rite; and the Right Eminent Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar. This seems to indicate that fraternal relations between the various Masonic bodies is more freer than with us. "The cordial and fraternal relations existing between all legitimate Masonic bodies in this great jurisdiction is something to be fostered and cherished"—Grand High Priest's address.

From a comprehensive and very interesting Grand High Priest's address we cull the following references:

Charters granted to two new chapters and one chapter, New Rochelle, instituted under dispensation.

Dispensations refused to two chapters which requested permission to allow a Drill corps of a Commandery of Knights Templar to appear in chapter convocation clothed in full Templar uniform to give an exhibition drill.

Comments favorably on the hospitality of his reception at the 1926 Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Regrets loss of members and revenue through non-payment of dues and urges more personal appeal and less postage as a remedy, because only a small proportion of members dropped ever return. "Retaining a member may be as important as securing a new candidate." More so we would say.

Submits for consideration the question of what parts of the Royal Arch ceremony may be omitted when a large number of candidates are exalted the same evening. Whatever is done, uniformity should be observed.

The donation of \$5,000.00 from the High Priest's Triangle Club of New York City towards relief of Tubercular Royal Arch Masons calls forth some criticism of the method of securing co-operation of subordinate chapters in disposing of tickets for concerts for this purpose

as there was resentment in some chapters, and a regret, "that the thing lacking in our organization is a practical philanthropic work or goal." The giving to brethren of "More Light" and communicating to them the ineffable Masonic secret is, "great work in itself but purely individual and ethical in nature, affording no means of concerted, outward expression such as those who best assimilate and apply those teachings desire to manifest, in a practical way, for the benefit of the less fortunate of our members in sickness and distress.

He deplores the lack of individual loyalty to Masonic obligations and principles. Too many on signing the By-laws become merely a member of the fraternity rather than a Mason.

Chartered chapters, 227, and one U. D. Membership, 72,412.

J. W. V.

NEW YORK.

The One Hundred and Thirty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of New York was held in the City of Albany, on the 7th and 8th of February, 1928.

E. Companion Romine Williams, Alberta's Representative, was present.

Among the distinguished visitors was the Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Cxnada, M. E. Companion Kenneth J. Dunstan, also representatives from the Grand Commandery of New York, the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and a large number of Sister Grand Chapters.

Grand High Priest, M. E. Companion Charles Hammel constituted a new chapter, Westchester, No. 327, at New Rochelle. Also issued a dispensation for the institution of a chapter at Bayside, in the County of Queens, called Unity, the petition of this chapter bearing fifty-two names.

Among the decisions given, one was, that it is unlawful to vote by written ballot on an ordinary matter in the chapter business, when Masonic usage is by a show of hands. Also, that an assessment on chapter members for furnishing Masonic entertainment could not be legally levied, and, therefore, if a companion did not pay the same, he could not be suspended for N. P. D.

Again, in the case of a companion who had been expelled from his lodge for unmasonic conduct, and as a consequence from his chapter, and who was subsequently restored by his lodge, the M. E. High Priest ruled, that this companion was restored to Royal Arch Masonry automatically, but to regain membership in his chapter, he must be treated as any other applicant for affiliation. This followed along the lines of a decision rendered in 1898 by M. E. Companion John Webb, Grand High Priest.

An Edict was issued during the year, declaring that no companion be permitted to enter a chapter who does not wear a chapter apron. This was necessary because some chapters admitted "Knights Templar" in Templar uniform and not properly clothed as Royal Arch Masons.

Special contributions were received for the Mississippi Flood Relief, amounting to 3,617.00 from subordinate chapters and private in-

dividuals, which with \$1,500.00 donated by Grand Chapter totalled \$5,117.00.

For the Grand Chapter's special Tuberculosis Relief Fund, the total contributed was \$25,684.40.

The Thirteenth Annual Convocation of Alberta was well reported, for which our thanks are due.

228 Chartered chapters and one under Dispensation. Total membership, 72,423, a net increase of 11 over the previous report.

J. V. F.

NEW ZEALAND.

The Thirty-fifth Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of New Zealand was held at Timaru, on February 23rd, 1927.

Our Grand Representative, V. E. Companion R. W. Styles, who is Scribe E. of Victory Chapter, No. 12, sent an apology for his absence.

New Zealand appears to have a very live Grand Chapter, judging from the interest taken and the reports submitted.

The First Grand Principal, M. E. Companion T. M. Rankin, gives a short and concise address, but, nevertheless, tells much. He visited eight of the ten Districts, and "was convinced of the very virile condition of Capitular Masonry in that Dominion." "There is no lack of enthusiasm and desire to hold office in our Chapters, and the standard of degree work has improved out of all recognition from what it was a few years ago." "In every case the ceremonial work was neatly, charmingly and impressively rendered."

Four new Chapters were constituted and consecrated.

He gave some sound advice, "May we never fail to realize that harmony is a prime and vital essential to the progress of our Chapters, and companions should at all times be ready to subordinate self that harmony prevail. So long as that virtue is cheerfully practised and the qualifications for membership rigidly adhered to, our Chapters may reasonably look for ward with confidence to the continuance of bright and prosperous conditions."

Grand Chapter government is somewhat different here, instead of the Grand Z. ruling during the year, and having his decisions confirmed by Grand Chapter at its Annual Convocation, a Supreme Committee meets several times a year (five in 1926) and transacts the business, makes nominations for the officers of Grand Chapters and prepares all Reports. Nominations for office may also be made on the floor of Grand Chapter.

During the year, fraternal relations were severed with the Grand Chapter of Scotland. New Zealand claimed that Scotland was unfairly proceeding in that territory, and they were asked to curtail their activities. Scotland refused to do so, and stated that the terms of settlement between United States and Scotland in connection with the Philippines should not be regarded as a departure from their principle of maintaining Chapters once established in any territory, as the circumstances there were conceded to be entirely exceptional. New Zealand replied "that these terms were not in any way exceptional, but afforded a stock example of the reprehensible habit which that Grand Chapter

had evidenced in several parts of the world, of invading the territories of Sister Grand Jurisdictions." After New Zealand had notified all Grand Jurisdictions of their action, Scotland sent a further reply to them. This reply (unwisely it would seem to us), was voted to be *not* read to Grand Chapter, although the Grand Scribe E. informed them that it did not in any way alter the position. We gather this reply states that Scotland claims she has done nothing beyond the terms of an amicable arrangement accepted by both in 1921. Canada Reviewer says: "Scotland is reported as gracious enough to hold that two sovereign jurisdictions could exist coincidently in the same territory, but the agreement suggested was a little ambiguous in the opinion of the companions living on the spot." It is reported that Scotland had said she would not establish any more Chapters. The Reviewer for Tennessee says: "Scotland must now 'fish or dig bait, chop wood or carry water, or shoot Luke, or give up the gun,' and that in a hurry."

The Supreme Committee recommended that the regulation requiring that the Principals of the Chapters must have attained the rank of Past Masters of a Craft Lodge, be abolished. This, however, was not concurred in by Grand Chapter. If a Chapter so desires, a Dispensation may be asked for, and is generally given, to install a Principal who has not been a Master of a Lodge.

There are ten Districts, with a Grand Superintendent for each, who present a written report of their activities. All ten, without exception, say that every Chapter is progressing and doing good work.

A motion was made, but defeated, to have the Superintendents elected for a term of three years, instead of the one year term. Another motion was lost, which proposed to abolish the regulation, "that a candidate for the Chapter Degrees must have been a Master Mason for a period of, at least, six months."

Grand Scribe E. Companion C. W. Nielson gets great praise from all, for his excellent services, and to show it they raised his salary by £100 a year. We must say that the Proceedings are well written and very interesting. No Foreign Review is published.

60 Chapters, one Mark Lodge. 3,580 Members. Net gain, 191.

E. G. I.

NEW ZEALAND.

The Thirty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of New Zealand was held at Wellington on February 29th 1928.

V. E. Companion Styles was not present to represent Alberta.

The address of the First Grand Principal G. J. Wallace was quite brief. He visited every District and found "Royal Arch Masonry in a very healthy condition, and that, everywhere, the Companions are keenly alive to the necessity of living up to the principles of the Order."

He says that if he had to go through his year of office again, he would devote as much time as possible to the new and struggling Chapters. (This is worth considering by future Grand Z.'s). Besides advising the companions to do the Degree work well, "he endeavored to impress on them that the essential part of our work is not the legend, but the carrying out of the principles of Freemasonry."

Five new Chapters were consecrated. "So long as we have Superintendents such as at present, I feel sure that the progress of Royal Arch Masonry will be satisfactory," he says.

The Supreme Committee met six times during the year. One of its duties was to consider ceremonial music for the rendering of degrees.

Each of the ten Superintendents gives a good account of his activities, and we find the Chapters are well looked after.

Grand Chapter passed a regulation granting honorary membership, while the Chapter dues to Grand Chapter must continue to be paid.

The momentous question, that a Principal of a Chapter must have been a Past Master of a Craft Lodge was again discussed, but the motion to abolish this regulation was again defeated.

The Governor-General of New Zealand, Sir Charles Fergusson, was elected as First Grand Principal, the Second and Third Grand Principals graciously stepping aside. He was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry on August 27, 1927, was installed as First Principal of Waterloo Chapter, No. 2, on September 28th of the same year, and, as we see five months later, was made head of Capitular Masonry. This is rapid advancement, but it is an exceptional case, and he will, no doubt, be of great benefit to their Grand Chapter. He is also Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

We also note that the Prime Minister of the Dominion, Right Hon. J. G. Coates, was a candidate for exaltation.

68 Chapters, one Mark Lodge. 3,810 Members. Net gain, 230.

E. G. I.

NORTH CAROLINA.

The Eightieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina was held at Durham on May 8th and 9th, 1928.

Our Grand Representative, Companion J. Edward Allen, who is the Foreign Correspondent, was present to answer for Alberta.

Among distinguished visitors, who were welcomed, were the General Grand High Priest Charles Clarke Davis and O. Frank Hart, General Grand Master of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters.

Grand King W. C. Wicker was in charge of Grand Chapter, owing to the poor health of Grand High Priest Charles A. Jenkins, who was unable to preside, although present. M. E. Companion Jenkins' address being read, stated that seven Chapters had been overcome with apathy and indifference, so he had paid special attention to these and was able to get five of them to redeem themselves and had hopes of the other two doing the same. (This shows that he was doing real service.) He had called the Grand Officers together, and they had come to the conclusion that the twelve Grand Officers, acting as District Deputies in as many Districts, could accomplish more for the best interests of

Capitular Masonry than any one individual instructor. He was able to do considerable visiting, and, like so many other Grand Chapters, issued a decree to his Chapters, that no companion from Pennsylvania could be received as a visitor or member, until he had received the Degree of Past Master, which Degree could be conferred on him without charge.

The Grand King, as acting Grand High Priest, from April first, presented a supplementary Report. He had received a request from a number of brethren, who wished to organize a Chapter in a certain town. He attended the Craft Lodge there, but decided that conditions were not favorable for a Chapter.

Affairs appear to be somewhat inactive in this Grand Jurisdiction, as we find that, out of fifty-seven Chapters, fourteen failed to send a Report to Grand Chapter.

In conjunction with the other Grand Bodies in the State, this Grand Chapter maintains a Masonic Loan Fund, by which some \$55,000 is divided among thirty-one colleges of various kinds, where it is available to the more deserving of the students. This amount is being increased by \$10,000 a year.

The following resolution was introduced and referred to Jurisprudence Committee: "That the Appointive Officers (which appear to be Grand Chaplain, Grand Sentinel, Grand Lecturer and Grand Librarian) shall be ineligible to succeed themselves or each other." But the Committee did not approve and it was not adopted.

The reports of the District Deputies were read with much interest.

Companion J. Edward Allen presents his twenty-second Capitular Review. It is a wonderful work on other Jurisdictions, and as a Reviewer, he is in a class by himself. He does not follow a definite plan of review, but after perusing each Proceedings, he proceeds to give us, in a breezy and racy style, his comments on the outstanding features of the Convocation; not, as he states, to criticize or influence such Grand Chapter, but to provide interesting reading for the companions of North Carolina.

In his comments on Alberta for 1926, he points out our title of Grand Janitor, which he believes is not as dignified as Grand Tyler. Many in Alberta think as he does, but as most of the Grand Chapters in Canada use the same work and titles, we are content to use the title of Janitor until such time as all of Canada agree to change it.

Concerning Scribe E. (when a companion is paying his dues) asking if he has a Craft Lodge receipt, Companion Allen wonders "what has Royal Arch Masonry to do with the matter of how much dues a companion owes to a Lodge, if he is permitted by that Lodge to remain in good standing therein." It is just to cover that point that the request is made. Our Grand Chapter holds that a companion who is suspended in a Craft Lodge becomes automatically suspended in the Chapter. Nor can a demitted member retain membership. However, there is no channel between the lodge and the Chapter to show this, and until such time as Grand Lodge publishes the list of suspended or demitted members, the Chapter is not aware of his lapse of membership; or, a companion may hold his membership in a foreign jurisdiction, and the fact of his probable suspension might not be known for years. Also, there is nothing to compel him to show his Craft Lodge receipt but when asked for it, he is forcibly reminded that he is bound to be in good standing in his lodge.

Under Connecticut, he criticizes Scotland, where it seems so easy to obtain Life Membership. A companion in Connecticut (where, probably, they do not allow dual membership), who was a Life Member in Scotland and wished to affiliate in Connecticut, applied for a demit, but was informed that Scotland did not allow a Life Member to demit. Companion Allen wonders what would happen if such a companion committed a felony.

He mentions a complaint (have we not heard it before), "that the Past Grands and the official family monopolize the business of the Annual Meetings and the ordinary member can, or does, make himself felt in deliberations and transactions, very little or not at all." However, he knows of no better plan, at least concerning North Carolina, than the one in general use.

With regard to the small total net gain of all Grand Chapters, he says the "net gain for this period is less than in the other Grand Bodies."

Under Utah, he points out that a dispensation was issued to a Chapter to confer degrees in a town not mentioned in its Charter. That is, the business of the Chapter is done at home, but the degrees conferred abroad. In South Carolina the Chapter may be transferred for a stated period to another town. If the companions so acquired go on for higher degrees they must retain their membership, but he doubts if they will be really interested companions.

His whole Review is instructive and interesting reading. There are many statistical tables and graphs. The graph for Royal Arch Masonry in United States shows that the net gain fluctuates from 4 to 8.5 per cent., but in 1920-21 it rose to the unusual height of 18.5 per cent. All other branches of Masonry show that the net gain doubled, or trebled it self in those years.

On June 1, 1928, there were in forty-nine of the Grand Chapters of the United States, 3,918 Chapters and 927,911 members. There had been 36,812 exaltations, and yet the net gain was only 798.

57 Chapters. 8,151 Members. Net gain, 133.

E. G. I.

NORTH DAKOTA.

The Thirty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of North Dakota was held at Fargo on the 25th and 26th of January, 1927,

Companion Walter R. Reed represented Alberta, and a message of Greeting was received from R. E. Companion T. Fred English, North Dakota Representative in Alberta.

Among the distinguished visitors received were M. E. Companion James McCauley, Past Grand First Principal, and R. E. Companion Joseph F. Yorke, Grand Principal Sojourner, of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan. They were honored by being the first visitors received. M. E. Companion McCauley being a close personal friend of M. E. Companion William W. Shaw, Grand High Priest of North Dakota. During the convocation both these Saskatchewan Companions were elected Honorary Members of the Grand Chapter of North Dakota.

M. E. Companion Shaw, Grand High Priest, visited every chapter in the State during his year of office, and several other jurisdictions, including the Grand Chapters of Manitoba and Saskatchewan. He reported a net loss in membership of 46; and that although there had been 1,033 companions exalted in the past five years, yet the membership was practically the same as it was half a decade ago.

In speaking of the Defiance of Law and Contempt for Constituted Authority so prevalent to-day, he urged Royal Arch Masons to set an example, by conforming to the laws and government of their country—a timely word of counsel.

For the second succeeding year it was unnecessary for the Grand High Priest to make a decision.

The Grand Secretary in his usual optimistic vein gives a very excellent report. Commenting on the fact that other organizations have come into the community life during the past ten years, and have apparently taken the time, attention, and effort of many of the younger men at the expense of our Masonic bodies. He emphatically states that we should redouble our efforts to make our Masonic life richer and attractive to meet this external influence. He concludes with the following significant words: "The only enduring values are spiritual. It is in the giving of the best things of ourselves that we find satisfaction. It is the willingness to undertake any part of the work. If only we can share in the rebuilding of the city and temple of our God. For he is good and his mercy endureth forever."

The report on the Educational Fund of the Grand Chapter shows 124 students at present receiving aid from the fund with loans totaling \$13,830.50.

The Grand Chapter of Alberta receives a very favourable review from the pen of M. E. Companion George Guthrie.

28 Chapters. Membership, 4,124.

J. V. F.

NOVA SCOTIA.

The Fifty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia, with jurisdiction over Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland, was opened at Halifax, Tuesday, June 12th, 1928, by Grand High Priest M. E. Companion Reginald V. Harris. In his address, the Grand High Priest deplores the fact, "That we are not as an Order doing anything in the community to justify our existence; while the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia has its Freemasons' Home; the Knights Templar of Canada an educational fund, and the Shrine, its hospitals for crippled children. Our sole concern seems to be to confer degrees." He then recapitulates various suggestions as worthy objects for Royal Arch Masonic charity, stressing in preference support to the school for the blind at Halifax.

He also recommends the discontinuance of the custom of having Grand Chapter meet at the same time as the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, stressing that the growth and importance of Capitular Masonry in the Province warrants more time for the consideration of its affairs than is allowed by Grand Lodge, whose deliberations often encroach upon the time of Grand Chapter.

We also note appointment of a committee to arrange for Celebration of Diamond Jubilee Royal Arch Masonry in Nova Scotia in 1929.

There are seven Grand Superintendencies in this jurisdiction, twenty chapters and a membership of 2,634 in 1928; a net loss of 3.

J. W. V.

OHIO

The One Hundred and Twelfth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio was held in Columbus on October 3rd and 4th, 1928.

M. E. Companion Mont. C. Hambright, Grand High Priest, elected Secretary at this Convocation, succeeding R. E. Companion Edwin Hagenbuch, who passed on early in the year.

A large gathering of representatives, as well as a number distinguished guests, were present.

The Convocation was welcomed by Companion James J. Thomas, Mayor of the city. His address was clever and humorous. We excerpt: "When I was first elected Mayor, I used to give the keys of the city to conventions. That is all over with. We don't have keys any more, and we have only got a little prison anyhow. When Prohibition came, we had two. We tore one of them down. We have a waiting list of 120 this morning wanting to get in. We don't need any delegates to fill the institutions. I know you Masons won't slip, but if you should slip, I have the key." They were also welcomed by E. Companion Burleigh E. Cartwell, Grand Marshall, the response being made by R. E. Companion Emmitt E. Everett, Grand Scribe.

We wish space would permit a more copious excerpt: "Yet we need such institutions as Masonry of one great family, bound together by common sentiment and upon the place of equal rights, that we are endowed with qualities that know neither religious creed or prejudice, to teach us to be true and loyal to our readers and obedient to the laws of our country."

Grand Honours were extended to Most Excellent Companion Charles C. Davis, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America. Whew! That took a long breath. But he knew his subject. We quote: "The reports of course from all the States, as many of you know, show a decline in membership for the last few years. But no one that I have found in any of the Jurisdictions feels discouraged, because it is something that may be perhaps like a house-cleaning. We had many members come in during the war that perhaps should not have been admitted. They did not know what they were getting and never appreciated it."

M. E. Companion Hambright also touched on membership: "While our gain in membership was small, yet the spirit of our Chapters is good, and with a new ritual, I am convinced that our gain in membership will again approach the usual figure."

The old ritual must have been bad indeed if the new is to work such a transformation. Further on he says: "The original Ritual

of this Grand Chapter was received from my predecessor and deposited in Safety Deposit Box, etc."

Nineteen inspection districts were created, and orders anent sent to each Chapter. Directions to Inspectors and Chapters were concise and business like.

Reports show all activities of the Chapters flourishing.

It was a pleasure to read the fine addresses from officials of neighbouring Grand Chapters, Pennsylvania, New York, Michigan, Illinois, and South Carolina.

Alberta was not reviewed.

209 Chapters. 80,917 Members. 359 net gain.

Carl W. Sperling, Grand High Priest.

Mont. C. Hambright, Grand Secretary.

W. M. M.

OKLAHOMA.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma was held at Blackwell, April 18th and 19th, 1928.

Our Grand Representative, M. E. Companion Edward P. Gallup, a very active Companion, was present at roll call, and responded to the welcome given the Grand Representatives.

Grand Chapter was saddened by the death, a few days before, of their Grand Secretary, James A. Scott, a Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary for many years. It was said of him, that to the Grand Chapter his death was a severe blow, and that "one of the most useful Masons surrendered his post to those of us who are willing and capable to carry on the work, which he and the Fathers organized many years before."

Grand Chapter was well attended, forty-eight of the Grand Representatives being present.

The Grand High Priest Elisha W. Townsend, like many others, did not visit as many Chapters as he would have liked to have done. He would not allow balloting for Candidates at any other than a regular meeting, but gave a dispensation to allow a Chapter to confer degrees in a Masonic hall in another town, but where some of its members lived.

Three Charters were arrested. A peculiar circumstance happened at one Chapter. In 1921, the Chapter "to stimulate interest and secure new material received and acted upon petitions in which the fees were payable by notes of \$30.00 each, due at future dates." Fifteen of these were never paid, so the new material, as well as the paper, was worthless, and in our opinion not worthy to be called Masons. Again, we can use the old adage, "Get quality, not quantity."

Oklahoma has a Grand Lecturer and twenty-four Grand Deputies. Only forty-one Chapters were reported on, and again we find many prosperous and flourishing, but a few in very poor condition. The Grand Lecturer was instructed to especially look after the weak Chapters.

A resolution was adopted to appoint a committee to raise funds for a Memorial Library Building.

The sum of \$500.00 was voted to make a thorough survey of the State, to ascertain the number of Masons who were needing assistance. Also \$200.00 to compile a Capitular History; and, again, \$500.00

to purchase scenery, furniture, etc., for a State Degree Team, which the Grand High Priest was authorized to organize.

This Jurisdiction carries on a great work in a Students' Loan Fund. This entails a great deal of work for the Secretary, for a great amount of correspondence is required, because few of the borrowers make their payments voluntarily. The greater number pay promptly when their attention is called to their obligation, but a few are delinquents. However, the committee says: "We are convinced of the merit of the Loan Fund plan, and believe the good done will more than outweigh any loss that may be incurred."

The committee on Necrology gives this beautiful thought: "It cannot be that the earth is man's only abiding place. It cannot be that our life is a mere bubble cast up by eternity to float a moment on its waves, and then sink into nothingness. Else why is it that the glorious aspirations which leap like angels from the temple of our hearts are forever wandering unsatisfied?"

Oklahoma has a SECRETARIES' ASSOCIATION, which meets after Grand Chapter and discusses their problems. This sounds like a good thing.

M. E. Companion Eugene Hamilton writes a short but excellent review. Alberta is given a favourable mention.

76 Chapters. 14,314 members. Net gain, 309.

E. G. I.

OREGON.

The Seventy-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Oregon was held at Portland, April 9th, 1928.

When the roll call of Grand Representatives was read, Companion Glen C. Fabrick responded for Alberta.

Grand Chapter had as distinguished visitors, Grand Master E. F. Carleton, of the Royal and Select Masters, and Grand Commander Andy P. Davis, of the Knights Templar, who were given *public* grand honors. Also, Grand High Priest James McCormack, of Washington, and General Grand Master O. Frank Hart, of the Royal and Select Masters, who was the personal representative of the General Grand High Priest, who were given *private* grand honors. We are, no doubt, ignorant up in this "neck of the woods," and would like to know the difference between the *public* and *private* grand honors. Perhaps our Grand Representative will enlighten us?

Grand High Priest Frank S. Baillie was an active and efficient officer. He assigned a Grand Officer to each of twelve districts to visit and inspect the Chapters, but the activities of these were not as great as he had expected. However, he still believes this is a good method to keep the Grand Officers working and to stimulate the Chapters. He attended the General Grand Chapter meeting at Denver, and found it "most interesting from the outlook upon the dignified Companions present, but from the view point of instructive Capitular Masonry it was a total loss." Concerning Grand Representatives, he says, "This is one of the gray, be-whiskered activities arising from time without date, with which, in its present form, I am entirely out of harmony. Either through laziness or disuse the personal communication link has become withered and useless. Either let us have active and worth-while Grand Representatives, or let us discard this useless form."

He was asked for a Dispensation to allow a Chapter to suspend its By-laws for ninety days and permit them to receive and act upon

petitions for Capitalar Degrees for a fee of \$35.00. This he rightly refused.

Oregon prints a list of members of all its Chapters every five years. The last was printed in 1924, but he recommended that a list be printed in 1928.

The Grand Secretary as in some other Jurisdictions has difficulty in getting the Secretaries to obtain the necessary signatures on the cards for the rituals issued. He complains that many recommendations of the Grand Officers are allowed to be forgotten, or allowed to die peacefully. Many come to Grand Chapter filled with enthusiasm and zeal, but this seems to fade rapidly after they return home. He asks how can the Chapters prosper with such an example. It is the Grand Chapter which needs our work—not our Chapters.

Grand Secretary Cheney states that all Chapter Reports are in for the year. (Good work.)

The Grand High Priest ruled that a High Priest, King or Scribe of a Chapter cannot resign except he remove from the State, which was approved.

One new Chapter was consecrated.

Grand Chapter's new Constitution eliminates the office of Deputy Grand High Priest, and allows only one substitute in conferring the Royal Arch Degree.

The Grand Orator delivered a beautiful and inspiring address.

The Committee on Financing of Grand Chapter, stated that unless something was done, Grand Chapter would be bankrupt in seven or eight years, as the annual deficit was about \$1,000. It was recommended that a Budget Committee be appointed, and, after a budget for the year had been prepared, a per capita tax be set to cover it.

This is a real live Jurisdiction, and is out to do good work in many different ways. They have a Students' Loan Fund.

The Committee on Supervision of Chapters find that in the United States and Canada:

- 6 divide the work among the Grand Officers;
- 12 have District Deputy Grand High Priests or Lecturers;
- 16 have Grand Lecturers, some of which have deputies;
- 1 has a Board of Custodians;
- 10 have no specific plan, which leaves the work almost entirely to the Grand High Priest.

All the Canadian Grand Chapters have Grand Superintendents, and we believe this name expresses the purpose and duties of the office better than others in use.

They reported, "That it was not so much the method to be employed, but the necessity of securing willing and competent Companions to perform the duties of supervision. Considering the finances, we feel that the expense must be kept at a minimum, and that this can be accomplished by dividing the Jurisdiction into small districts with a superintendent over each district. The work is to be done without remuneration, except that expenses should be paid; that the rank of Past Grand Superintendent be conferred upon those recommended by the Grand High Priest.

Companion Walter O. Haines is the Reviewer, and his work is well done. Alberta is fully and capably reviewed. He states that our Representative in Oregon, Companion Fabrick, is very active in Masonic work. Their Representative in Alberta, R. E. Companion James A. McGhee, of Didsbury, is our present Grand Third Principal and is also active in Grand Lodge.

49 Chapters. 7,086 Members. Net loss, 45.

E. G. I.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The Year Book of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania shows quarterly communications March 8th, June 7th, Sept. 6th, and Dec. 6th, and the Annual Convocation, Dec. 27th, 1928.

Alberta was represented, on December 6th only, by Companion W. Metzger. M. E. Companion Walter K. Sweatland Grand High Priest.

M. E. Companion Sweatland, who had two years term of office had devoted 166 days away from his office to the work of the Grand Chapter. He travelled over 4,000 miles by auto and over 19,000 miles by railroad, and attended 24 district meetings. His deputies reported a total of 493 visits to Chapters.

Pennsylvania Chapters were well cared for by its officers. It is no wonder the report says, "The conditions show a remarkable improvement."

Among visits outside his own Jurisdiction, he visited the Seventieth Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada, at London, February 22nd, 1928. He wasn't enraptured by the long ride, but was delighted with his warm reception on arrival.

\$200.00 was sent Royal Arch Masons in Florida after the cyclone.

He reports "Grand Chapter during the past year has continued to increase in splendour and glory, peace and harmony prevail in every quarter and the affairs of subordinate Chapters were never in better condition."

Alberta was not among the reviews. The statistical report, presented at the quarterly communication of March 8th, showed 153 Chapters and 4 Mark Lodges. Membership, 63,633; a net gain of 1,644. 114 Chapters showed gain. 35 Chapters showed loss. "4 stood still," and 1 conferred no degrees.

The annual financial report, presented at the December 6th Quarterly communication, showed the Grand Jurisdiction to be prosperous. Invested funds, \$172,000; \$70,000 added this year.

August P. Kunzig, Grand High Priest.

Joseph E. Quimby, Grand Secretary.

W. M. M.

RHODE ISLAND.

The One Hundred and Thirtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations was held in Freemasons' Hall, Providence, on March 8th, 1927. M. E. Companion Frederick W. Hilton, Grand High Priest, presided. There were eleven Past Grand High Priests in attendance and twenty-seven Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions, Alberta being represented.

This Convocation was graced by a large number of distinguished visitors from the Jurisdictions of Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, as well as by M. E. Companion Henry DeWitt Hamilton, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

The annual address of the Grand High Priest is a simple narration of his official acts and visitations during the year. We note that M. E. Companion Hilton visited officially the Grand Jurisdictions of Connecticut, Delaware, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and Pennsylvania, and also visited many Chapters in these Jurisdictions on special occasions. A substantial part of his report consists of the report of M. E. Companion D. E. Spears, his representative, to the Annual Meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association.

Other Grand Chapter officials submitted reports of visits to constituent Chapters during the year. It appears that the Chapters in this Jurisdiction are assigned to Grand Chapter officers by the Grand High Priest for the purpose of visitation and general supervision. During the election of officers it was brought to the attention of Grand Chapter that R. E. Companion William R. Green had held the office of Grand Secretary for fifty-one years.

No report on Foreign Correspondence is published. The Committee presented their report, but its publication was left in the discretion of the incoming Grand High Priest.

Membership, 10,298. Net gain, 203.

Jerome H. Tucker, Grand High Priest.

William R. Green, Grand Secretary.

F.S.S.

RHODE ISLAND.

The One Hundred and Thirtieth-first Annual Convocation was held at Providence, March 13th, 1928.

R. E. Companion Arthur Whitehead, Acting Grand High Priest, presided.

M. E. Companion Jerome H. Tucker, Grand High Priest, passed on during the year.

Alberta Representative, Adelbert E. Place, present.

The custom of placing individual Chapters under the care of the Grand Officers prevails in Rhode Island, and apparently with excellent results. This seems a logical and happy solution of the question of properly taking a personal interest in subordinate bodies.

Fitting memorials were given of Grand High Priest Tucker and Past Grand High Priest Willard, who passed during the year.

Nothing of particular interest in proceedings.

15 Chapters. 10,416 members. A net gain of 118.

No reviews printed.

Arthur Whitehead, Grand High Priest.

William R. Greene, Grand Secretary.

W. M. M.

SASKATCHEWAN.

The Fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan was held in Regina on February 16th, 1927.

Our Grand Representative, R. E. Companion J. C. Moore, Grand Treasurer, was present.

Distinguished visitors welcomed were: R. E. Companion Frank E. Simmons, Grand H. of Manitoba; M. Wor. Brother W. J. Smith, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, and the humble writer of this review.

The address of the Grand First Principal Edwin Pinkerton was not lengthy, and was mainly of interest only to the companions of Saskatchewan. He gave no rulings or decisions of importance. He found "Capitular Masonry throughout the Jurisdiction to be in a satisfactory condition," and "the officers and companions showing increased enthusiasm in the work of the Order."

Among those sending greetings were: Grand Scribe E. Wentzel, of our own Grand Chapter, and M. E. Companion George B. McLeod, as Supreme Grand Master of the Great Priory of Canada.

Grand Scribe E. Francis B. Reilly seems to be the friend, Companion and advisor of all, and certainly one of great ability. It is said of him and Grand First Principal Pinkerton, "Kindness is in all his steps; Truth in his eye—in his gestures—Brotherhood."

He reports everything working nicely. "All returns were promptly made, and the Scribes by their promptness and carefulness are doing their share of the work." He asks that Chapters requiring Dispensations send in their requests in plenty of time, so as to give the Grand First Principal time to consider them carefully. He says, "Dispensations are not kept in stock by the Grand Scribe E. to be sent out by return mail."

The writer of this review, along with R. E. Companion Simmons of Manitoba, R. E. Companion Harry Moulden, of Manitoba, and M. E. Companions Shaw and Phelps, of North Dakota, received with much pleasure and surprise, the honour of being elected Honourary Life Members of Saskatchewan. So, I can say I am writing about *my* Grand Chapter.

There are seven Grand Superintendents, and each gave a cheerful and encouraging report of his District, and the Committee on the Condition of Capitular Masonry was pleased to report that "they have carried out their duties thoroughly and well." This Committee says "that our beloved Royal Craft is on a higher plane, to-day, and the Golden Rule seems to actuate our Chapters in all their dealings." In classifying the state of the Chapters, one was excellent, fifteen were good and ten were fair.

A Special Committee concurred in the ruling given one year before "that a Chapter could confer the Royal Arch Degree on one candidate provided two Sojourners were used."

A special form, along lines that will thoroughly inspect and judge a chapter is used by the Superintendents.

In welcoming the Grand Representatives, the Grand First Principal said: "We have all knelt at the same altar, taken the same obligations and assumed the same vows; each of us is an integral part of that great institution that has and will stand the test of all ages."

The address of M. Wor. Brother Smith, given at the luncheon, is printed in full, and is very fine reading.

Grand Scribe E. Reilly writes the Foreign Review and does not forget Alberta.

26 Chapters. 2,568 members. Net gain, 10.

E. G. I.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The One Hundred and Sixteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina was held in the Masonic Temple, Orangeburg, South Carolina, on April the 25th, 1928. M. E. Companion John D. Lee, Grand High Priest, presided. There were present ten Past Grand High Priests, and thirty Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions, Alberta's Representative being among those present.

The General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of United States of America, M. E. Companion Charles Clark Davis, was in attendance as also were several other distinguished visitors.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, intimated that while a slight loss in membership had been sustained during the year, the financial condition of the Grand Chapter was most gratifying. He referred, however, to the apathy and indifference which appeared to exist in some of the Chapters. This is attributed in many cases to local circumstances and among the suggestions made was the adoption of a regulation that a Chapter be permitted under dispensation to "travel" to different towns within its territorial Jurisdiction. The Grand High Priest described in an interesting way his official visits to Chapters within his own Jurisdiction, and an inter-state visitation to the Grand Chapter of North Carolina. He also submitted an interesting report on his attendance at the Fortieth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States at Denver, Colorado, in September, 1927, and also on his attendance at the annual meeting of the George Washington Masonic National Memorial Association at Alexandria, Virginia, in February, 1928.

The Grand High Priest recommended the formation of a "Secretaries' and Recorders' Guild." Both recommendations of the Grand High Priest above mentioned were adopted by the Grand Chapter.

Grand Chapter donated \$2,000.00 for ten scholarships of \$200.00 each to the Educational Fund of the Grand Commandery of South Carolina.

A very interesting review of the proceedings of sixty other Grand Jurisdictions was submitted by M. E. Companion J. L. Michie, P.G.H. P., in which Alberta receives its due share of attention. We quote from the Alberta review as follows:

"He (Grand First Principal Ironside) recommended that all Chapters following a moon schedule be requested to amend their By-laws in order to make their monthly Convocations be held on a fixed date. Pure Lunacy. Why, meeting by moon is second cousin to a Landmark. The Committee on his address approved of his recommendation, and there the matter rested."

In the conclusion of his report, M. E. Companion Michie submitted some interesting statistics in regard to membership in various Jurisdictions.

Total membership, 5,999. Net loss, 219.

John D. Lee, Grand High Priest.

O. Frank Hart, Grand Secretary.

F. S. S.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

The Thirty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota was held at Sioux Falls, June 14th and 15th, 1928. Our Grand Representative Companion N. J. Hendrickson, was not present. The session produced little of interest to those outside of South Dakota. Ten Chapters were not represented. Grand High Priest Albert G. Granger planned much, but largely owing to an annoying sickness he did not accomplish all he wished. He visited four Chapters, the General Grand Chapter and the Annual Convocations of North Dakota and Michigan. One peculiar circumstance was his: On the evening that he visited one Chapter, the Eastern Star was holding its Annual election and installation. It was, therefore, necessary to hold only an informal meeting of the Chapter in a Companion's office. It rather looks to us as if the Star meeting was considered of more importance than the Grand High Priest's visit. He finds the larger Chapters prosperous and busy, but in the smaller Chapters the needed revival has not yet arrived, and he is convinced that what we need today is not more bodies, but more strong active, effective ones. He arranged with the Grand Lodge and Grand Commandery to consolidate and rearrange the meeting places of some Lodges, Chapters and Commanderies.

A resolution was passed, "That the incoming Grand High Priest make a survey of the condition of the Chapters of this Jurisdiction with particular attention to the advisability of consolidation of some of the weaker Chapters with their more active neighbors."

This Grand Jurisdiction has no Grand Lecturer or District meetings but have twelve District Deputies.

Grand Secretary George A. Pettigrew presented his Thirty-Eighth Annual Report. South Dakota can be considered very fortunate to have only one Grand Secretary since its formation.

The Committee on Necrology gives us some beautiful thoughts: "The cry for immortality; that there must be a life beyond this little hour on earth is felt by all of us, —for life is unfinished always. It is a significant fact that the peoples of the world have been born with the instinctive hope of life after death." And again:—

I watched a sail until it dropped from sight,
Over the bounding sea; a gleam of white,
A last far-flashed farewell, then like a thought
Vanished from mind; it vanished and was not.

But to the helmsman at the wheel
Broad seas still stretched beneath the gliding keel.
Disaster? Change? He felt no slightest sign,
Nor dreamed he of that far horizon line.

So may it be, perchance, when down the tide
 Our dear ones vanish; peacefully they glide,
 Nor mark the unknown bound; we call it death,
 To them 'tis life beyond.

E. Companion Robert S. Hart is the Reviewer. He has a breezy style, and is rather critical concerning the doing of our Grand Chapter. However, we can assure him we believe we have good reasons for all our actions, out here in the far West. While reviewing, he says he found some of the volumes showed much interesting material; many were flat, stale and unprofitable. He states that losses in membership are a general source of concern, sometimes admitted, but oftentimes hidden by "whistling while passing the graveyard," as the darky would do it. His observations are that the Grand Chapter of Washington showed the most general activity. Among the addresses of presiding Officers he found the most active and interesting constructive program in Nova Scotia; and among Capitular Reviews he got the "biggest kick" from Sam Helm, of Texas.

43 Chapters. 6,093 members. Net loss, 204.

E. G. I.

TENNESSEE.

The Ninety-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Tennessee was held in Nashville, Monday, January 24th, 1927. Present: Thirteen Grand Officers, eight Past Grand High Priests, Sixty-four Past High Priests, and the Representatives of eighty-eight Chapters.

Companion F. E. Bartley, Grand Representative for Alberta, was present. In his address, M. E. Companion Alfred C. Morgan, Grand High Priest, spoke in part, as follows: "Only a few years ago our outer doors were besieged by strangers craving admittance to the rites and privileges of the craft. Great numbers of good men and true were admitted, yet to-day, we find many of our Chapters struggling for existence. Why is it? Freemasonry is not simply the collecting of a fee, the repetition of a ritual and the labelling of a Companion, or a Brother, with the keystone or square. It is a beautiful system of Morality, veiled in Allegory and illustrated by symbols. When we fail to illustrate the symbols properly, we are recreant to our trust and to our obligation and our ritual becomes a meaningless rite. Just as the internal and not the external qualifications recommend a man to Masonry, so it is the internal impression and not the external that recommends Masonry to a man. Our best opportunity to make a man a Mason is during the exemplification of the degrees, and, Companion High Priests, your duty and honor and the future welfare of the order demand that you transmit the great teachings of the Craft with scrupulous purity and impressiveness, not only to your successors in office, but more especially to every stranger who is admitted among the workmen. Then, and only then, can you justly claim the title of a workman that needeth not to be ashamed."

The Grand High Priest refused a dispensation to a Chapter to elect and install Officers prior to the date set by their by-laws.

The Grand High Priest is somewhat concerned over the decrease in number of exaltations and recommends that the Companions concern themselves over the condition of the Blue Lodges of which they are members, keeping in mind that as the Blue Lodges flourish, so will the Chapters.

In closing, he says: "My years in the Grand Chapter have been a pleasure and a joy. I have learned the meaning of "friend" as I never knew it before. For each of you, I wish for the coming years, enough of this world's goods to be comfortable, enough of friendships to be happy, enough of work to be truly serviceable and enough of love and charity to win the approbation of our Supreme Grand High Priest."

The minutes of this Grand Chapter are quite extensive and very interesting. The report on Correspondence by C. H. Smart, P.G.H.P., is well written and covers fifty-six foreign Grand Jurisdictions. Alberta 1926, is given a little more than half a page, and includes a quotation from the address of Past Grand First Principal Middleton.

S. H. M.

TEXAS

The Seventy-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Texas was held at Waco, December 3rd, 1928.

Our new Grand Representative Companion J. D. Starks was present.

The Grand Chapter of Texas is not affiliated with the General Grand Chapter, but its delegates were cordially welcomed at the General Grand Chapter Meeting at Denver. It seems possible that they may see fit to join up with the General Grand Chapter soon.

Grand High Priest George W. Emery appears to have been an active and efficient officer, and a fearless and energetic leader. He reports that "some Chapters have shown more progress than others; however, the Grand Jurisdiction as a whole is well on the road to a healthier and more substantial condition." He constituted two Chapters and instituted three and Grand Chapter authorized another. He refused two petitions to form new Chapters. He restored the Charter to a Chapter having been authorized by the Grand Chapter of 1927. Two others resumed labor.

This jurisdiction, like many others, suffers from too many small Chapters, as he enumerates fourteen Chapters that are practically dead and should either disband or be allowed to merge their membership with some other Chapter. He recommended that the Charters of nine other Chapters be revoked.

He gave fifteen decisions or rulings, one of which was that a brother could not petition for initiation into a Chapter at B—, where he had been in business two years, because his family resided (and which was considered his legal residence) at A—.

Another ruling was that a Chapter must meet in a definite Chapter room and not in either one of two lodge rooms located on the same floor in the same building. However, Grand Chapter did not concur in this.

He refused a dispensation for a Chapter to confer degrees in a lodge room in another town in its own jurisdiction.

What we term Grand Superintendents, they call Grand Visitors. Of these, he states that some apparently did nothing, some only fairly well, while a few did exceedingly good work. Of 112 districts, reports were received from 41, covering 86 Chapters. This certainly could be better.

A letter had been received from Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, explaining that the Past Masters' degree had been eliminated because the Pass Word to "the chair" was communicated to all Master Masons on receiving that degree, making the Past Master's degree unnecessary. The Jurisprudence Committee ruled that this explanation made it possible to fully recognize all Royal Arch Masons of Pennsylvania.

The Grand High Priest thought there was an urgent need of a Grand Lecturer to instruct the smaller Chapters in all their work and recommended that one be elected at an annual salary of \$2,000.00 and expenses. Jurisprudence Committee did not concur, and it was not adopted.

He also recommended that (as Alberta has) a companion transferring his membership from one Chapter to another obtain a certificate of good standing from his Chapter, this to accompany his petition. If he is accepted, the Secretary of his new Chapter informs his old Chapter, when his membership automatically ceases.

He recommended that "No election for officers, or no election for candidates, be held unless there are, at least, five members present." Grand Chapter did not approve of this, the number of members present remaining at nine.

Grand Chapter maintains a wonderful home for aged Masons and their wives. Average number of wards was 122 and the average cost per day was 78c. per inmate.

The financial condition of Grand Chapter is in very fine condition. The minimum fee for exaltation in a Chapter is \$50.00. Half of the fee goes to Grand Chapter in lieu of all other forms of dues. Naturally, Grand Chapter has a large amount of assets, but as exaltations drop off the addition to these will diminish. To ensure a permanent fund, an Endowment Fund starting with \$50,000, was created.

The Masonic educational work was granted a sum of \$4,000.

It is with great regret that we inform our companions of Texas, that their Grand Representative, near the Grand Chapter of Alberta, R. E. Companion George W. Potter has, very recently, passed to his reward.

There is a fine correspondence report, but Alberta did not have the good fortune to be reviewed. We were somewhat disappointed to find that Companion Sam J. Helm had relinquished his office.

305 Chapters. 43,226 Members. Net loss, 489.

E. G. I.

UTAH

The Seventeenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Utah was held at Provo, May 7th, 1928.

Our Grand Representative Companion E. A. Tripp was not present.

The address of Grand High Priest (Rev.) W. F. Bulkley while concise is complete and shows that he was active and energetic.

Each of the eight Chapters are doing good work. The Grand High Priest states that unless Utah is opened up and developed they cannot expect to have any more Chapters for some years.

He attended the General Grand Chapter at Denver, and says that there was not a moment that was not interesting and worth while, and considers it was one of the events of his life. The exemplifying of the Royal Arch Degree was so well done that it was fully worth the time of the whole trip.

He gave a decision, quite correctly, that a demitted companion, on affiliating is not liable for dues during period of demit.

Grand Chapter is having the usual trouble of distinguishing between honorary and life membership. The Grand High Priest recommended that life membership be \$100, and the amount be placed in an interest-bearing fund. However, Grand Chapter did not concur in this. It did approve of free life membership at the age of seventy years, provided the companion has been in good standing in his Chapter for the last ten years.

One rather odd event happened during the year. The Grand Lodge of Utah has a decree that "No Master Mason shall apply for or receive any Scottish rite or Royal Arch Degree until at least one year has elapsed since taking his Third Degree, etc. This seems to be somewhat autocratic, as we cannot see how Grand Lodge has any authority over Lodges or Chapters outside of its control, and of which does not concern it. The Grand Master had written to the Grand High Priest to say that this regulation had been violated. Grand Chapter remedied the situation by adding a question in the Chapter form of "Application for Degrees," by which the applicant has to state that he had received his Master Mason's Degree, at least, one year previous.

There is no Foreign Correspondence Report.

8 Chapters. 1,290 Members. Net gain, 16.

E. G. I.

VERMONT.

The One Hundred and Eleventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Vermont was held at Burlington, June 12th, 1928. Alberta's Representative, Howard H. Shufelt, was absent. Many distinguished visitors were present, including General Grand High Priest Charles Clarke Davis, who installed the newly elected Grand Officers during the session, two Past Grand High Priests from Connecticut, and one from Rhode Island, the Grand High Priest of New Hampshire, Maine and New York and others.

Twenty-eight Chapters out of thirty-one were represented.

The address of Grand High Priest Raymond A. Pearl was very short and concise. He attended all of the eight district meetings where the officers' work was well done. These meetings were well attended and keen interest shown. Although Vermont had been disturbed by a disastrous flood in November, he found in the Chapters a feeling for increased activity and enthusiasm.

This Grand Jurisdiction has an excellent Grand Lecturer and eight District Deputies. They, with several Grand Officers, were called together to discuss their problems and obtain perfection in the ritualistic ceremonies. The Grand Lecturer praises the work of the Deputies. Each District Deputy gives a detailed report of his visitations.

Their "grand old man," Grand Secretary Henry H. Ross, having passed the allotted three score and ten years of active, busy and devoted

service, asked to be relieved of his office, so was made Grand Secretary Emeritus, and is to receive the same compensation as heretofore.

Expecting to obtain better results the members of a Chapter asked that they be allowed to move from one town to another, which was granted.

Most Excellent Companion Archie S. Harriman gives us his fourth Capitular Review. He doubts that the fault for the many for N. P. D. can be laid at the door of the Secretaries, as the general run of secretaries is the same now as in the past. Alberta gets a good report, with quotations from Grand First Principal Ironside's address, and also from the opening remarks of Most Excellent Companion Johnson's Foreign Correspondence Report. He uses many quotations in his Review, and but little comment.

31 Chapters. 5,817 Members. Net gain, 17.

E. G. I.

VIRGINIA.

The One Hundred and Twenty-first Annual Convocation was held at Richmond on October 23rd and 24th, 1928.

In his address, M. E. Companion Claude W. Fletcher, Grand High Priest, makes note of the long and glorious record of the Grand Chapter, also, "The great winnower, Time, sifts men and institutions, separating the good from the bad, the transient from the permanent, and that which is bad and transient fails and passes away, the good and the permanent remains as a blessing to mankind."

In the case of a Companion who had suffered an accident after receiving the Most Excellent Master Degree, and could not conform to the floor work of the Royal Arch, he issued a dispensation allowing a companion to substitute for him on the floor.

The report of the Hubbard Memorial Loan Fund makes interesting reading, and this fund is apparently aiding students, especially boys and girls who found it necessary to earn part or all of their college expenses. Loans totalling \$5,700 were made. This was the first year of the fund, and the report shows such a demand that further investment must be made if all requests are to be considered.

All Chapters were visited at least once by the Most Excellent Grand High Priest or his deputies.

The Grand Lecturer reports every Chapter in Virginia able to confer degrees, and all engaged in a friendly contest to excel in perfect rendition of the ritual. This is worthy of note and could be contrasted with some Grand Jurisdictions much to the honor of Virginia.

Alberta receives over a page of kindly review.

Chapters, 73. Members, 17,991. Net loss, 68.

A. W. Obenstrain, Grand High Priest.

J. Gus. Hankins, Grand Secretary.

W. M. M.

WASHINGTON.

The Forty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Washington was held at Tacoma, May 7th and 8th, 1928.

Companion Alex. Frazier, our Grand Representative, was among those welcomed by the Grand High Priest.

This was the first Convocation to meet in the new, magnificent Masonic Temple at Tacoma.

The Grand High Priest James McCormack shows that he is an enthusiastic Royal Arch Mason and a booster for his State. He reports that peace and harmony prevail, and that the Chapters are in a much more healthy state than ever before. He appointed four District Inspectors, who, with the regular officers, took charge of the sixteen districts, and "all, without exception, rendered their services faithfully." This splendid service is reflected in the high standard of excellence attained by the officers of the Chapters.

With a systematic and hard-working organization, during the General Grand Chapter meeting at Denver, the Grand Chapter of Washington received the next triennial gathering of that General Grand Body, which will be held in Tacoma in 1930.

Two new Chapters were constituted. The Grand High Priest did much visiting and installed the officers of seven Chapters. It was his privilege to welcome the Grand Chapter Officers of British Columbia at a convocation of Bellingham Chapter, and those of Oregon at a convocation of Vancouver, (Wash.) Chapter.

He attended twelve Regional or District meetings, and states that they are most successful in the promotion of the spirit of fellowship." He granted a dispensation for a Chapter to go to a Lodge room, other than his own, and confer Chapter Degrees.

No decisions of consequence claimed his attention.

One of his recommendations was, that if a Grand Representative was absent for two Annual Convocations without explanation, that he be deprived of his commission and a successor appointed.

In concluding his address, he gives some beautiful thoughts; among them: "Let it, therefore, be our effort, not only to exemplify perfect ritualistic work, but also give a better understanding of the great truths and their application to modern, every-day life, thereby showing that they better fit one to face his duty in the world as a Companion, a Mason and a citizen; and also help him to become a better and a stronger part of our civic life. Let us bear in mind that our Masonry is the medium of spiritual life, —that while the symbolism of Masonry is beautiful, yet it is useless unless it is translated into meaning and action."

The Finance Committee recommended, and it was adopted, that owing to financial condition of Grand Chapter, an assessment of 25c. per member be made for three consecutive years. The present per capita tax is 50c. per member.

The Foreign Correspondence Report is by Grand Secretary, Henry L. Kennan. Alberta is kindly and favorably dealt with.

53 Chapters. 9,395 Members. Net loss, 23.

Note:—Alberta learns, with deep sympathy, of the death of the Grand Secretary, Henry L. Kennan, Past Grand High Priest, on September 17th, 1928.

E. G. I.

WEST VIRGINIA.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia was held at Charleston, on October 1st and 2nd, 1928.

Our Grand Representative, R. E. Companion Lawrence G. Kincheloe was present as Grand Scribe, and was elected to the office of Grand King during the session.

During the days, the Grand Lecturer and his Deputies supervised teams exemplifying the Chapter and Cryptic Rite Degrees, while Grand Chapter affairs were conducted in the evenings. In this Jurisdiction the Grand Chapter embodies and controls the Council Degrees. All Chapters were represented at Grand Chapter which speaks well for the interest taken in Capitular Masonry. General Grand High Priest Charles Clarke Davis was a distinguished visitor.

Grand High Priest James H. Gollehon presents a splendid report, and seems to have shown great zeal and efficiency in his rule. He believes "that the true standard by which the progress and achievements of Masonry are measured is the interest which it inspires in its membership and the altruistic spirit in which it carries on its activities, and performs its mission in the world." He expresses regret that he was not able to visit much, but saw to it that every Chapter was visited by some Grand Officer. One of the commissions issued was to Companion Victor C. French, of Wetaskiwin, as the Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Alberta. Commenting on the net loss in membership—the first loss in many years—he says: "You must either collect dues, remit them, or suspend the delinquent members, and often too many delinquencies are allowed to occur by using no effort to collect the dues. You take great pains to secure petitions, enquire closely into a candidates' qualifications and then when he receives his degrees seem wholly indifferent whether he is lost to the Chapter by not securing his dues regularly. Why not have a committee to act with the Secretary? The Secretary should be one of the most efficient and best qualified Companions of the Chapter." So, one of his recommendations was, that a Secretary's Guild be formed, and that the Secretaries attend Grand Chapter, get together and thrash out their problems. However, owing to the increase in the payroll that this would be to Grand Chapter, the committee did not approve of it, and it was not adopted. He also recommended that an album for the portraits and a short history be kept of all Grand High Priests. This has not been done in the past. One Chapter received its Charter.

Grand Secretary, G. M. Ford, who is also chairman of the Foreign Correspondence Committee, is good on statistics, as well as in all his other duties. One of his tables shows that in West Virginia:

	1921	1922	1923	1924	1925	1926	1927	1928
Exalted. . . .	1093	768	643	754	439	404	395	329
Suspended. . . .	38	112	117	152	167	243	213	358

The Grand Lecturer praises his Deputies and Inspectors, saying that they were exceptionally faithful and attentive to their duties, and the Grand High Priest also states that on account of "their good work during the year, the Jurisdiction is on a much better and safer footing." So it would appear to us that the decline in membership is only temporary. Several Schools of Instruction were held. A resolution, "that a Chapter be not required to pay dues to Grand Chapter for members whose dues had been remitted," was not adopted by Grand Chapter. Each Deputy gives a detailed report of his activities. Chapter inter-visitation is recommended.

Most Excellent Companion Ford says that many of his Secretaries are ideal, but there are a few who appear to think that the Grand Secretary writes to them for the fun of it, and that they use their own pleasure as to when, if ever, they reply. (It was ever thus.)

A common request in nearly all Grand Chapters was found here—a Chapter requested refund on Grand Chapter dues on two Companions who signed as Charter Members of a new Chapter, but who had not received demits from their Mother Chapter, and so remained as members of both Chapters when it was their intention to have belonged to the new Chapter only. The refund was granted.

Owing to Grand Chapter having changed its Annual Convocation to an earlier date, thus making a short year, Alberta's Proceeding was not received and so no Review is made.

46 Chapters. 12,104 Members. Net Loss, 98.

E. G. I.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

The Fortieth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, held at Denver, Colorado, on the 28th, 29th and 30th of September, 1927.

M. E. Companion Henry De Witt Hamilton, General Grand High Priest, and his officers were officially welcomed by M. E. Companion Delmar B. Wright, Past Grand High Priest of Colorado, and by M. W. Brother John Andrew, Grand Master of Masons of Colorado.

Distinguished visitors were the M. E. Grand High Priest of Texas, M. E. Companion Henry H. Watson, Past Grand First Principal of British Columbia who was received with Masonic honors. M. E. Companion the Earl of Cassillis, Grand First Principal of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, who came to pay a fraternal visit. He was also received with the honours due to his exalted station in Masonry. Companion O. Frank Hart, General Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of the United States of America, with his associate officers. Also, Isaac H. Hettinger, Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar and other Grand Encampment officers.

Since the last Triennial Convocation the presiding officer, M. E. Companion John Alberta Blake, General Grand High Priest, had unfortunately died, following an automobile accident. A very regrettable accident as it ended the career in his 83rd year of one who had given so much to Masonry and especially Royal Arch Masonry in the United States.

The General Grand Secretary reports that during the past three years, Chapters had been instituted in Mexico City and Tampico, Mexico. Also a dispensation was granted to form a Chapter at Monterrey, Mexico. Reference was made to Luzon Chapter, No. 1, of Manila, Philippine Islands, as having celebrated its twentieth anniversary, and that Anchorage Chapter, No. 3, of Alaska, was making good progress.

General Grand High Priest Blake before his demise had visited Island Chapter of Havana, Canal Zone Chapter of Ancon, and Cristobal Chapter, both of Canal Zone.

The ritual of the General Grand Chapter is being adopted by the various Grand Chapters, and 11,000 copies of it are now in use.

Regarding the use of a particular ritual, a committee from the Grand Chapter of Oklahoma, reports in part as follows: "There are approximately twenty-two rituals in use in the United States today. All of them are wedded to the quasi-religious idea. If masonry has ONE central idea it is Morality in its best and broadest definition. Landmarks have come down to us from the dim past, unchangeable, unalterable and, to every member of the Craft, should be sacred. These Landmarks are as sacred to the Capitular Mason as they are to the Master Mason. They form the foundation upon which the superstructure of all Rites is builded."

Losses and Gains in the various Grand Jurisdictions are due to two main causes: First, that gains noted are directly traceable to war conditions, and that losses are mainly occasioned for N.P.D. The General Grand Secretary pointedly states in this connection: "A Secretary of a Chapter who fails to collect dues, thereby requiring suspensions, should resign at once."

Drastic perhaps, but full of thoughtful food.

Alberta Chapter Secretaries—please note carefully.

A list of eighty-seven clandestine or irregular Chapters is reported.

At the end of 1927 there were 800,672 Royal Arch Masons under the General Grand Chapter Jurisdiction, an increase of 5,874 for the year.

Next meeting at Tacoma, Washington, in 1930.

J.V.F.

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Masonic Calendar and Rules for Masonic Dates

ANCIENT CRAFT MASONRY—

Commence their era with the creation of the world, calling it Anno Lucis (A.L.) "in the year of Light." To get the present date add 4,000 years to the common era—1929 and 4,000 equal to 5,929.

ROYAL ARCH—

Date from the year in which the Temple was commenced by Zerubbable Anno Inventionis (A. I.) "in the year of discovery." Add 530 to the vulgar era—1929 and 530 equal to 2,459.

SCOTTISH RITE—

Same as Ancient Craft Masonry—except the Jewish chronology is used—Anno Mundi (A.M.) "in the year of the world." To get the common era add 3,760, thus: 1929 and 3,760 equal to 5,689. After September add another year.

ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS—

Date from the year in which the Temple of Solomon was completed—Anno Depositionis (A. Dep.) "in the year of the deposit." Add 1,000 to the common era, thus: 1929 and 1,000 equal to 2,929.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR—

Commence their era with the organization of their order Anno Ordinis (A. O.) "in the year of the Order." From the Christian era take 1,119, thus: 1929 less 1,118 equal to 811.

ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD—

Date from the year of the blessing of Abraham by the High Priest Melchisedek—Anno Benefacio (A. B.). To the Christian era add 1913, thus: 1929 and 1913 equal to 3,842.

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Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta

Elected Officers for 1929

- M. E. Comp. James R. Flan.....Grand First Principal Z.**
122 5th Ave. E., Calgary, Alberta
- R. E. Comp. John W. G. Morrison..Grand Second Principal H,**
Vermilion, Alberta
- R. E. Comp. James A. McGhee....Grand Third Principal J.**
Didsbury, Alberta
- R. E. Comp. Clifford R. Wentzel..Grand Scribe E. (Secretary)**
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- R. E. Comp. Victor W. Wright.....Grand Scribe N.**
Calgary, Alberta
- R. E. Comp. Charles H. Minchin..Grand Principal Sojourner**
Calgary, Alberta
- R. E. Comp. William C. Black.....Grand Treasurer**
Calgary, Alberta
- R. E. Comp. Archibald B. McCurdy.....Grand Registrar**
Edmonton, Alberta
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The Sixteenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alberta will be held in the City of Edmonton, on Wednesday, the 19th day of March, 1930.
